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SIR ARTHUR SALTER.

CHINA GOLD BASIS PROPHECY. WORLD TRADE CONGRESS.

Sir Arthur Salter Gives Views.

CHRONIC DISEASE.

Washington, May 7.
The possibility of China's currency being placed on a gold standard, the slump in silver values, and the mal-distribution of gold, were all discussed at to-day's session of the congress of International Chambers of Commerce, at which over forty nations are represented.

The feature of the address was the reading of a report on the address, prepared by Sir Arthur Salter, the Director of the Economic and Finance Section of the League of Nations, in the course and as a result of his visit to China.

The burden of the address was a grave warning that if the nations of the world were not willing to show by their imposition of prohibitive tariffs to receive imports in payment for exports and loans, "chronic disease" of the world's monetary system would develop, prolonging and aggravating the existing world depression.

Sir Arthur Salter also expressed the opinion that one of the causes of the world depression was the speculative boom of 1929, "a new and terrifying phenomenon, which all concerned in averting future crises must certainly study."

Some very interesting predictions were made in the course of a lively discussion of various world problems.

The President, Sir Alan Anderson, prophesied that no action would be taken regarding the suggestion that the Conference recommend a gold standard for China.

Sir Arthur Salter in his written statement from China expressed the opinion that the mal-distribution of gold was the chief trouble in the world's monetary system.

Mr. MacDonald, a Canadian delegate, defending Great Britain against attacks by Indian delegates yesterday, in connection with the gold standard for India and its influence on the slump in silver, said that the silver trouble was economic and not political. Canada had contributed to the economic collapse of silver values by her silver production.

M. Theunis, the former Premier of Belgium, foresaw that the Chambers of Commerce would recommend a world conference on the Soviet problem.

Soviet Prospects.
This prediction followed an animated debate upon a proposal by Colonel Cooper, the President of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce, that a commission of business leaders be appointed to confer with representatives of the Soviet Government in order to map out a programme for world trade.

Colonel Cooper asserted that a prosperous Russia could absorb three milliard dollars worth of imports annually, whereas the curtailment of credits to Russia at the present juncture would only accentuate the difficulties of achieving world economic stability.

Reuter's American Service.

ZEPPELIN'S DASH TO NORTH POLE.

FRIENDLY RIVAL TO "NAUTILUS."

SEA AND AIR ATTACK ON THE ARCTIC.

SUBMARINE AND AIRSHIP PLAN TO ARRIVE TOGETHER.

THE GREAT German dirigible, the Graf-Zeppelin, is to be associated with the boldest dash to the North Pole ever conceived—a voyage by submarine under the ice, under the leadership of Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famous British Arctic explorer, according to a Reuter message from Berlin this morning, announcing that the North Pole is to be assailed simultaneously by air and by water.

The double attempt is to be made this summer in July according to present arrangements, and Dr. Hugo Eckener, the designer and commander of the Graf Zeppelin, announces that the giant airship will definitely start out a little later than the Nautilus, timing the flight to coincide with the arrival of Sir Hubert Wilkins's expedition.

The Graf Zeppelin, says Reuter's Berlin correspondent, will carry complete Polar equipment, and she will have on board eight or nine scientists, and a number of German, British, American and Russian Arctic explorers.

EXPERTS' FEARS.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Eckener does not appear to doubt the ability of the submarine Nautilus to complete her journey of 2,100 miles under the great Arctic ice belt, which is expected to last 42 days, though grave fears are expressed by British expert submarine men about the project.

Sir Hubert is to be accompanied by his wife, and the crew of the submarine will probably number 30.

Foolhardy?

All British experts agree that the project seems foolhardy, their views being summarised as follows:

No submarine can act as an icebreaker. It cannot be built strong enough or given engines strong enough for the work.

Can a long drill be operated from within the submarine to pierce the ice? Yes; but when that is done, only a small hole will have been made, not enough to bring in the volume of fresh air required.

The submarine can only remain below water for 24 hours, if she is moving at a maximum speed of 3 knots. After that she must come to the surface, run her Diesel engines (for which she requires quantities of fresh air), and with them recharge the electric batteries.

Would Freeze in Solid.

If she could make a hole big enough to come up she would freeze in solid, while she was on the surface recharging.

Her hydroplanes, without which she cannot dive, project outside the hull: they would be frozen stiff and probably damaged, for they are delicate machines.

All the valves controlling the flooding of the tanks for diving, and other vital parts of the mechanism would freeze.

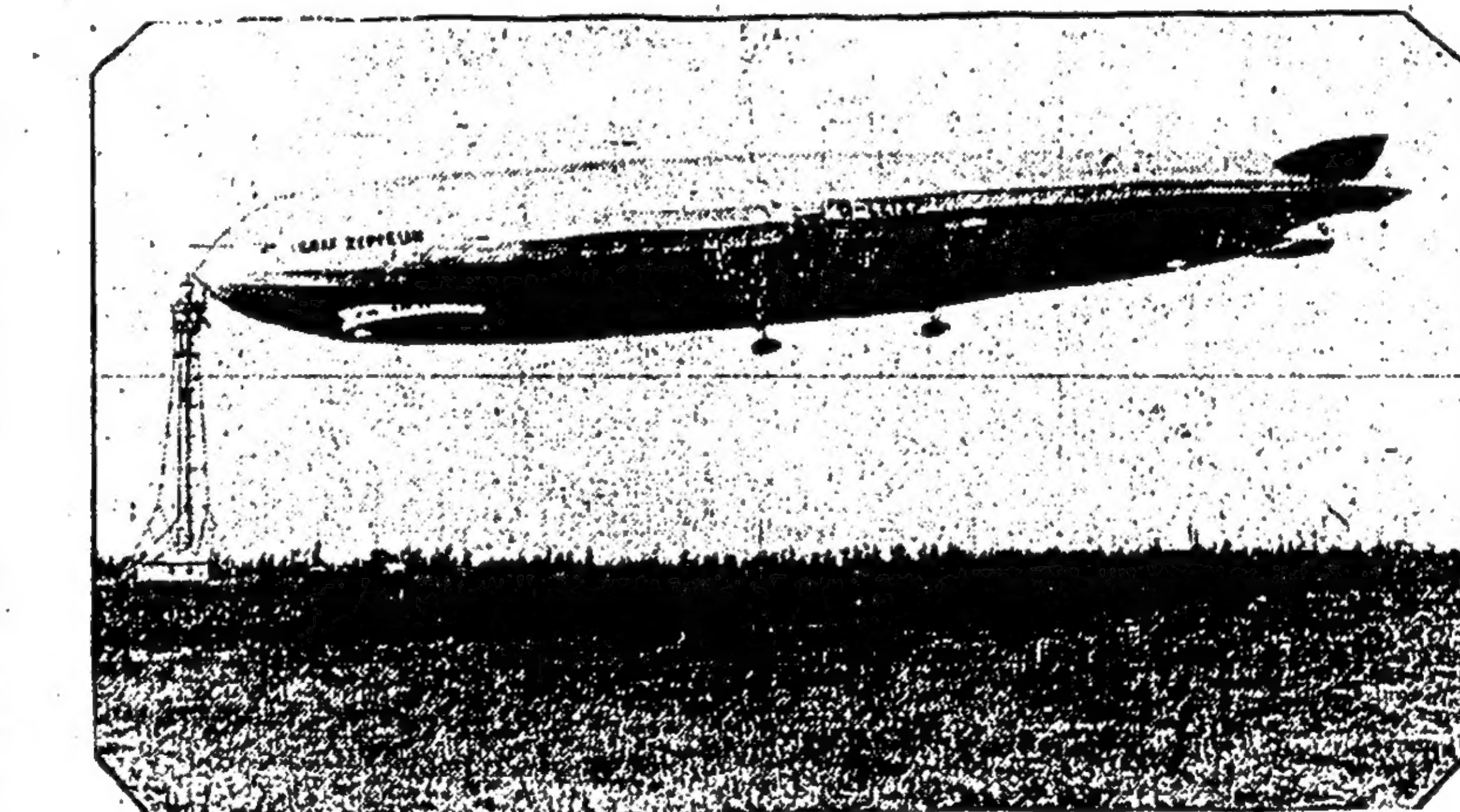
Meanwhile, in spite of these serious doubts, plans for the dramatic adventure are proceeding apace.

Cont of Searlet.

Only in a coat of scarlet and red paint, she is engaging in special trials off the New England coast, and will soon be ready for the Transatlantic crossing to Britain.

The craft is unlike any other seen on the sea before, and its many remarkable devices for penetrating the secrets of the Arctic seas have attracted great interest.

A feature of the craft, for example, are the inverted sled runners extending across the upper deck to absorb the jar of contact with the under surface of the ice. When contact is made the



The Graf Zeppelin. The announcement that Dr. Eckener is to take her on a trip to the North Pole has come as a surprise.

R.A.F. CRASH IN MID-AIR.

Pilots Both Escape in Parachutes.

THRILLING SCENE.

London, May 6.
Another Royal Air Force double tragedy was narrowly averted to-day when two aeroplanes collided in mid-air near Aldershot, and crashed to the ground from a height of about three thousand feet.

Parachutes saved the lives of both the airmen concerned in the collision, the pilots leaping clear of the entangled machines, and landing gracefully some considerable distance from the scene of the crash.

The accident occurred when the airmen were taking part in exercises in which two squadrons of aeroplanes were engaged in fighting practice.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone central to the S.W. of Tokyo has weakened further. A new anti-cyclone has formed over N.E. China. Conditions over South China and India are uncertain.



The Nautilus at the christening ceremony in New York before commencing her trials. Sir Hubert and Lady Wilkins are shown at the foot, with Jules Verne (right) grandson of the famous author of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," who officiated.

Civil Service Salaries.

Readjustment for Remittances.

DISCLOSURE IN COMMONS.

London, May 6.
Hongkong civil servants' salaries were the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day, when Dr. Drummond Shiels, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, estimated that approximately 930 civil servants in Hongkong had suffered a reduction of income, calculated in dollars, amounting to 16.2/3rds. per cent.

This, he said, was a consequence of the new method of converting sterling salaries into dollars.

Dr. Shiels' repudiated a suggestion that the conversion method was tantamount to a breach of contract.

He justified the system by drawing attention to the serious financial position of Hongkong as a result of the silver slump.

He added that arrangements had been made to make readjustment easily possible for those

remitting part of their salaries home.—Reuter.

The Telegraph made special enquiries this morning regarding the special arrangements referred to, and were informed that pending further instructions from the Secretary of State, the Government can add nothing to the statement made by Dr. Drummond Shiels.

Hongkong Shipping in 1931.

New Record Established for Ocean Going Steamers.

A total of ocean-going tonnage constituting a record in the history of the Colony is shown in the annual report of the Harbour Master amounting to 29,530,807 tons against 28,285,741 in 1929. The total shipping entering and clearing ports of the Colony amounted to 94,090 vessels of 206,487 vessels and 4,996,559 tons. It should be explained, however, that conservancy boats and dust boats (18,012 of 1,109,384 tons) were included in the 1929 figures, but were omitted in 1930.

There was a decrease in British ocean-going shipping of 13 ships and an increase of 206,483 tons, and an increase of the same class of foreign ships of 60 in number but representing an increase of 868,613 tons.

Vessels engaged in foreign trade totalled 49,609, of 88,611,000 tons in 1931.

BRITISH VICTIMS OF CHINA'S INCAPACITY.

24 CAPTURED: NINE DEATHS.

HOME GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

MISSIONARY RISKS.

London, May 6.
The readiness of the British Government to surrender extra-territorial rights in all parts of China outside the four principal foreign settlements, Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin and Hankow, as disclosed by Mr. Arthur Henderson, led to questions in the House of Commons regarding the safety of British subjects in China.

In the past two years, said the Foreign Secretary, in reply, fifteen British subjects have been captured by bandits in China, all of whom escaped or were released, eight others were murdered, including Miss Nettleton and Miss Harrison—and one died in captivity, namely, Father Tierney.

Nanking Realisation.

The National Government of China, said Mr. Henderson, realised, and discharged as far as it could, their responsibility for protecting the lives of British subjects, and ensuring adequate measures to this end.

Most of the outrages had, however, occurred in remote places where the Government had jurisdiction, but was not yet in a position to exercise effective control.

British Readiness.

The British authorities in China could be relied upon to afford such protection to British subjects as was within their power, and he had no reason to think that any further steps needed to be considered.

Mr. Wardlaw-Milne (Con. Kidderminster) asked the Foreign Secretary if every effort was taken to warn those proposing to travel into districts where the Nanking Government's administration was ineffective, that it was not wise to do so.

Mr. Henderson said it was very difficult to say what steps could be taken. Assistance was given in every way in these matters.

Missionary Workers.

Replying to Sir Austen Chamberlain, who suggested that a warning be given to the Missionary Societies, Mr. Henderson said he knew that the Missionary Societies did not like outside interference in these matters. The missionaries went out to China and into the interior as a matter of conscience and took the risks knowingly.—Reuter.

A non-Chinese case of relapsing fever was notified to the health authorities yesterday.

SUICIDE IN HOTEL.

MESS-BOY TAKES OWN LIFE.

THEFT OF POLICE REVOLVER.

DOOR BARRED.

Shooting himself with a Police revolver stolen from a European Sergeant, a "boy" employed in the Sergeants' Mess at the Central Police Station was admitted into Hospital suffering from a wound in the stomach, expiring an hour after admission.

About 7 o'clock last night, residents of the Hotel Nathan, a Chinese-owned boarding-house situated next to the Majestic Theatre, were startled by a revolver shot, proceeding from Room No. 312, on the top floor. An attempt then made by the employees to enter the room from which groans were heard, was unsuccessful as the door was secured from the inside.

The Police were sent for, and when at last the door was opened, a man was found lying on the bed, with a wound in his stomach. Nearby, a heavy six-chambered service revolver, of the type carried by Police officers, was picked up. A bullet was missing from one chamber.

Investigations disclosed the man's identity as Li Wan-chung, employed at the European Sergeants' Mess at the Central Police Station. The revolver belonged to Sergeant Davies, who only a short time before had missed it from a chest of drawers in which he usually kept it when off duty.

At about the same time that he reported his loss to his superior officer, this being just before he went out on patrol, the fatal shot was fired at the Nathan Hotel.

Sick for Some Time.

Li Wan-chung's employers when seen by a Telegraph reporter this morning spoke of his having been sick and of his having appeared to be in a depressed state of mind lately. Beyond this, they could know of no motive for the act.

The suicide's movements after leaving the Central Police Station with the weapon he had stolen, appear to have been deliberate. Going into the Hotel Nathan, he engaged a room on the top floor, paid the \$2.80 that was asked by the clerk as deposit and ordered a pot of tea. After this had been brought to him, he shut himself in, and shortly afterwards, a shot was heard.

In spite of all surgical attention, the man succumbed to his injury an hour after being conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital.

HAWKES BAY AGAIN QUAKE HIT.

PEOPLE ALARMED IN EARLY MORNING.

Wellington, May 6.
An alarming series of earthquake shocks occurred to-day throughout the Hawkes Bay area, the scene of the calamitous New Zealand disaster early this year. The shocks, which were extremely violent, commenced at about 2.30 a.m. and continued for some little time. People were awakened from their sleep, and greatly alarmed, poured out into the open. Actually very little structural damage was done, though there were many indoor breakages.—Reuter.

ANGLO-GERMAN AMITY.

EXCHANGE VISITS OF WARSHIPS.

London, May 6.
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, said in the House of Commons that two ships of the British Navy would pay an informal visit to Kiel in July, and it was hoped that ships of the German Navy would visit the United Kingdom when their programme permitted.—British Wireless.

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EMPRESS LINER MURDER.

**FILIPINO FOUND GUILTY,
BUT INSANE.**

QUEER CONDUCT.

"Guilty, but insane" was the verdict of the jury which heard the evidence at the trial at the Supreme Court yesterday, of Martin Gonzales Corrao, a Filipino, charged with the murder of John Harrison, plumber on the liner Empress of Russia, on February 24.

Sir Joseph Kemp, Chief Justice, accordingly ordered Corrao to be detained pending the King's pleasure.

Dr. G. V. A. Griffiths, Medical Officer at the Victoria Gaol, gave evidence for the defence, and said he had had the accused under special observation since February 28. He had come to the conclusion that on occasions prisoner was definitely unreasonably. He used the word in its fullest meaning. He had refused to see his lawyer, and he had refused to take any food, or to wash or bathe himself. So long did he refuse food, that it was becoming a source of worry to witnesses. He had also had several conversations and formed the opinion that accused was mentally unsound. In view of his observations and conclusions it would not be surprising if he were subject to homicidal tendencies, and indeed it was quite common. His condition was also consistent to his suffering from delusions and illusions.

Cross-examined, witness said he could not tell how long accused had been suffering from the disease of the mind. He might never have suffered from it until he (witness) had begun his examination. That was possible, but he did not think it to be probable.

Witness remembered asking accused where he got the revolver, and prisoner replied "In America." When he asked him why he answered "To protect myself," but when questioned as against whom, he replied "I do not know."

Mental Disorder.

Dr. M. O. Pfister, who said he had made a special study of mental diseases at Heidelberg and Peking, declared he had seen Corrao several times since he was arrested. He was convinced that the Filipino was suffering from a certain mental disorder, known as dementia praecox. It was impossible to say when this disease began, but on his present condition he (witness) would say that it had been persistent for at least six months, and personally he thought it had existed for some years, although perhaps not to the present extent. At times his mind was normal, but on other occasions it was faulty. Homicidal tendencies and the existence of delusions and illusions were symptoms of the disease, and he had found them in the accused, by the application of recognised tests. He considered that Corrao came under the second part of the McNaughton rule.

Asked by Mr. Fitzroy to detail some of the tests he had put the accused to, Dr. Pfister read a statement, which he said he had written down at one interview with the Filipino. It read:

"One man followed me always in America, from the seventh to the fifth street, he followed me. I know he followed me. His actions were not very favourable to my own thinking. Once I turned round and tried to follow him. I looked at him and he said words. . . . get away from me. He was an American. I often see him in California I see him. He was the man always standing at the corner of the ship."

Dr. Pfister said he asked Corrao if Harrison was the man, and the accused replied that Harrison did not do anything to him. In prison, the doctor continued, Corrao told him that he heard his brother speaking to him.

Spiritual Voice.

"I told him that his brother was not in the prison," Dr. Pfister

THE LATE MR. T. M. PERPETUO.

**FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY
YESTERDAY.**

The funeral of the late Mr. T. M. Perpetuo, Assistant Superintendent of Mails at the General Post Office, took place yesterday afternoon. The cortege was followed by Miss Cipriana Perpetuo, a daughter of the deceased, and Captain Teixeira and Mrs. Teixeira (brother-in-law and sister), as chief mourners. The service at the graveside was conducted by Bishop Valtorta, assisted by Father Rossi.

There was a large attendance, including the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, (Inspector-General of Police and a former Postmaster-General), Mr. M. J. Breen (Post-General), Mr. T. Hynes (Superintendent of Mails), Mr. G. P. de Martin (Director of Education), Mr. F. J. de Rome, Mr. A. F. H. Silva-Netto, Mr. F. H. Barnes, Dr. E. L. Souza, Mr. M. F. Key, Mr. J. J. Osborne, Mr. T. Lay, and other members of the General Post Office staffs. Postmen brought up the rear, carrying wreaths.

Amongst a very large number of wreaths laid on the grave were those from the deceased's wife and family, and other relatives, Captain and Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. A. Remedios (sister-in-law), Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hynes and family, Mr. M. F. Key, Mr. A. F. H. Silva-Netto, Mr. M. J. Breen (Postmaster-General), Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lindell, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Mr. M. Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. E. d'Almada e Castro.

The staffs of the General Post Office, the Radio Office, and the Treasury; Radio Sports Club; Committee and Members of the Catholic Union Club; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Class 3, Diocesan Girls School; Nippon Yusei Kaisha; and others.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF DUKE OF SOMERSET.

London, May 6.
The death of the Duke of Somerset occurred suddenly last night at his Wiltshire seat. *Reuter and British Wireless.*

[The late Edward Hamilton Seymour, Duke of Somerset, was the 16th of the title, which goes back to 1547. He was born on May 19, 1860, and succeeded a cousin in 1923. He married, in 1881, Miss Rowena Wall, daughter of the late Mr. George Wall, of Ceylon, and they had one son, Lt. Col. Lord Seymour, who succeeds to the title. The late Duke was educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, and then went to Sandhurst, later entering the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He became a Colonel in 1907. During the late war he served as head of the Equipment and Ordnance, War Office, and was made Inspector of the Army Ordnance Services in 1918, retiring in 1920. The family seat is at Maiden Bradley, near Frome.]

said, "and he replied that this was also heard voices in America. Hearing voices is typical of this particular disease."

Mr. Fitzroy: Was he interested in spiritualism?—Yes, he had read some books on it.

Did he suggest he was a medium?—No.

Continuing, Dr. Pfister said that Corrao showed no physical signs of an unbalanced mind except that his face was emotionless, he did not seem to take an interest in anything, and in answering questions he took a long time. Corrao told him that he remembered firing the shot, and questioned by Mr. Fitzroy as regards the McNaughton rule, Dr. Pfister said that the Filipino often used expressions such as: "according to my square hole thinking" and "according to the spiri-

AUSTRALIAN FINANCE PROBLEMS.

**CONTROVERSY REGARDING
GOLD SHIPMENT.**

Canberra, May 6.
A deadlock has been reached between the Federal Government and the Commonwealth Bank over the provision in the Commonwealth Bank Amendment Bill empowering the Government to draw on the bank's gold reserve for overseas debt payments.

Sir Robert Gibson, the chairman of the bank, who appeared in the Senate at the House's request today, said the Board did not approve of the proposed £5,000,000 gold shipment to London, on the ground that it would adversely affect Australian confidence in the note issue.

There was an uproar when Sir Robert Gibson declared that default was not the only alternative to the gold shipment.

The New South Wales Nationalist, Mr. Dunn, was ejected on declaring that the position was a "frame up," and that Sir Robert Gibson had been brought in by the anti-Government Nationalists as a propagandist.

"I know a way out,"

Sir Robert Gibson, interrogated for three hours, refused to discuss political remedies or explain his statement that a default was not the only alternative. He said:

"I know a way out, but that is the Government's responsibility." He added that if the Government did not take the other step, and the choice lay between shipping gold and defaulting, he would prefer to ship gold. *Reuter.*

A Canberra message of April 28 stated:

The House of Representatives finally adopted the Bank Act Amendment Bill, requiring the Commonwealth Bank to hand to the Federal Treasurer the gold necessary to meet the Commonwealth's indebtedness in London, and replacing the Statutory Provision for a 25 per cent. gold reserve by limiting the issue of notes. Mr. Scullin obtained assent after an impassioned speech declaring that unless gold was sent to London immediately, Australia would default on Treasury bills.

He did not think in normal terms.

Re-examined by Mr. d'Almada, Dr. Pfister said that the persecution mania was a common symptom of dementia praecox.

In his short address to the jury, Mr. d'Almada suggested that they return a verdict of guilty, but insane.

The jury retired for three minutes to come to their decision.



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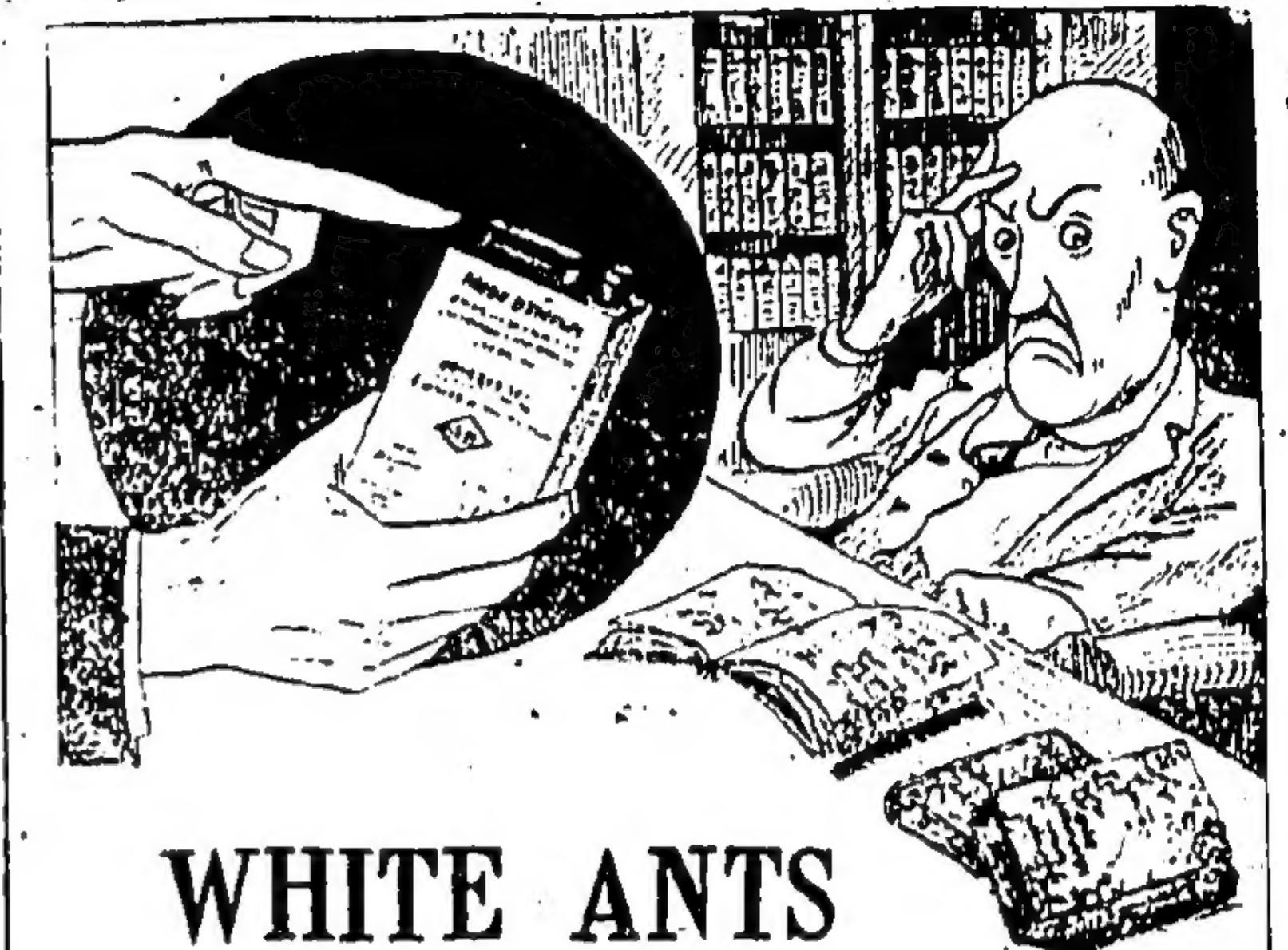
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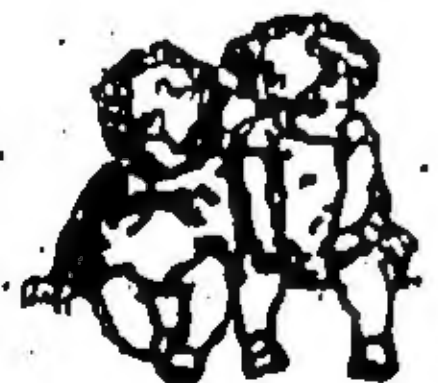
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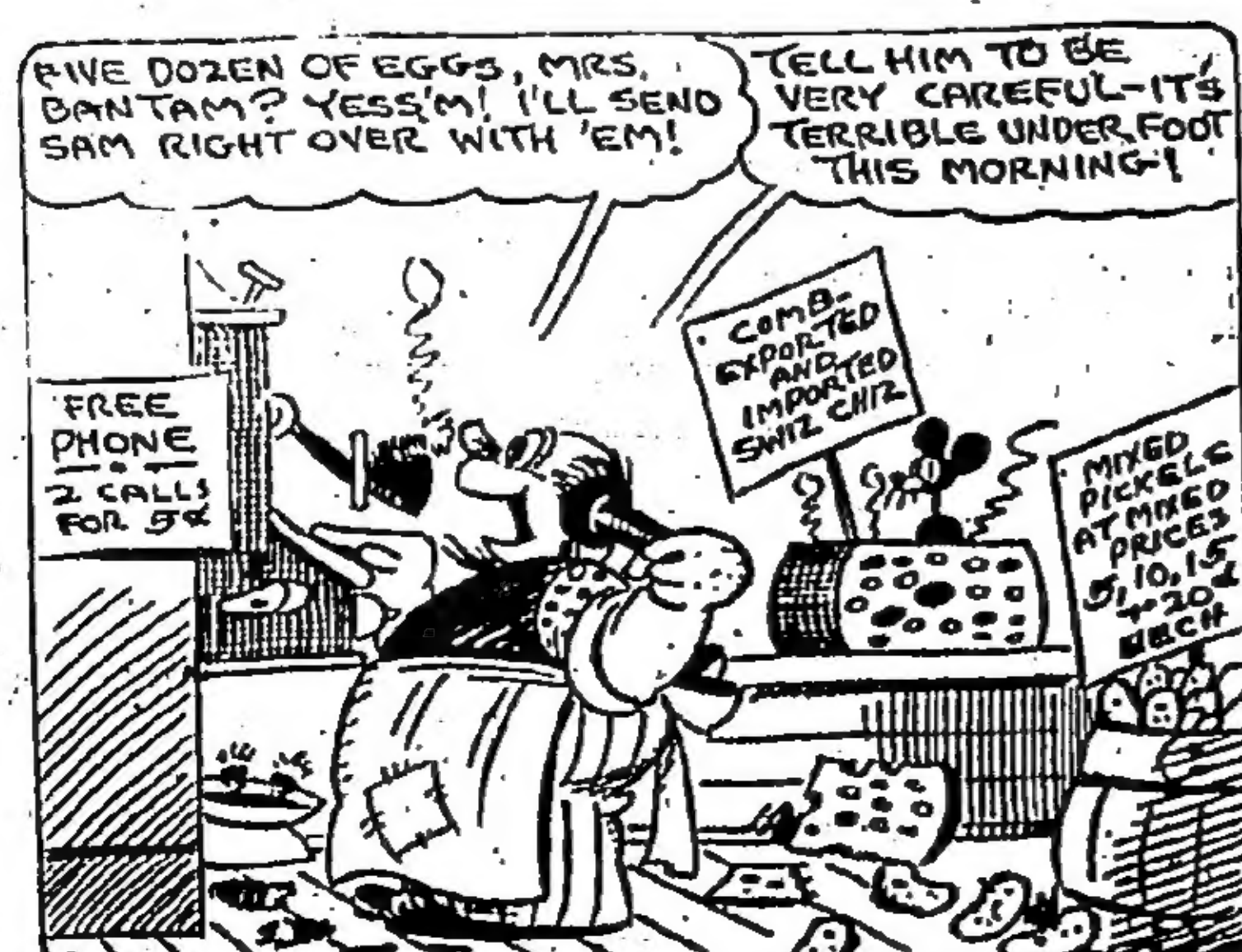
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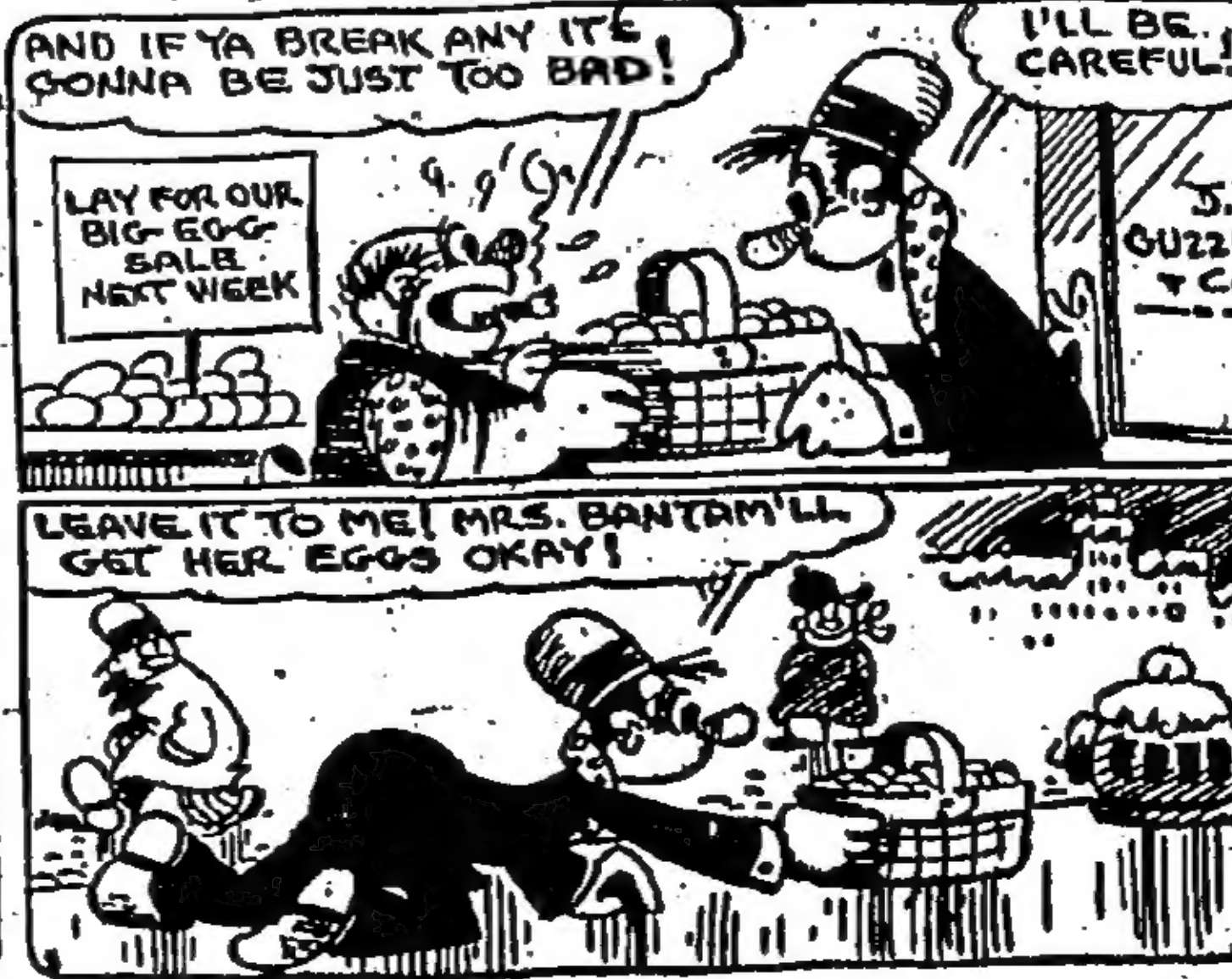
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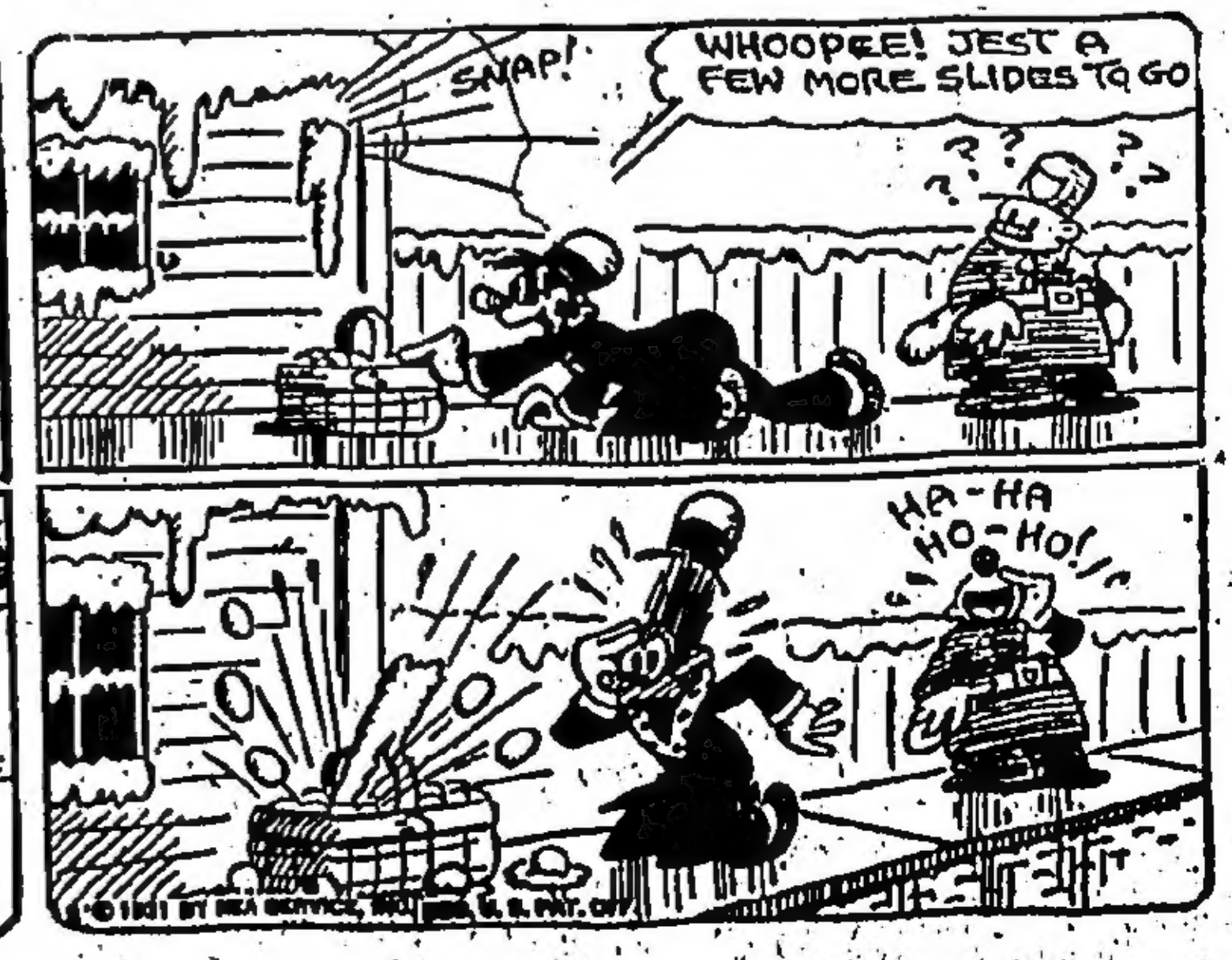
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Love's Labour Lost



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A striking aerial picture of quake-stricken Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, where over a thousand were killed in the worst earthquake disaster known in the country. Photo shows the blaze which followed the earth's shudder, advancing in two directions. It completed the ruin of the city.

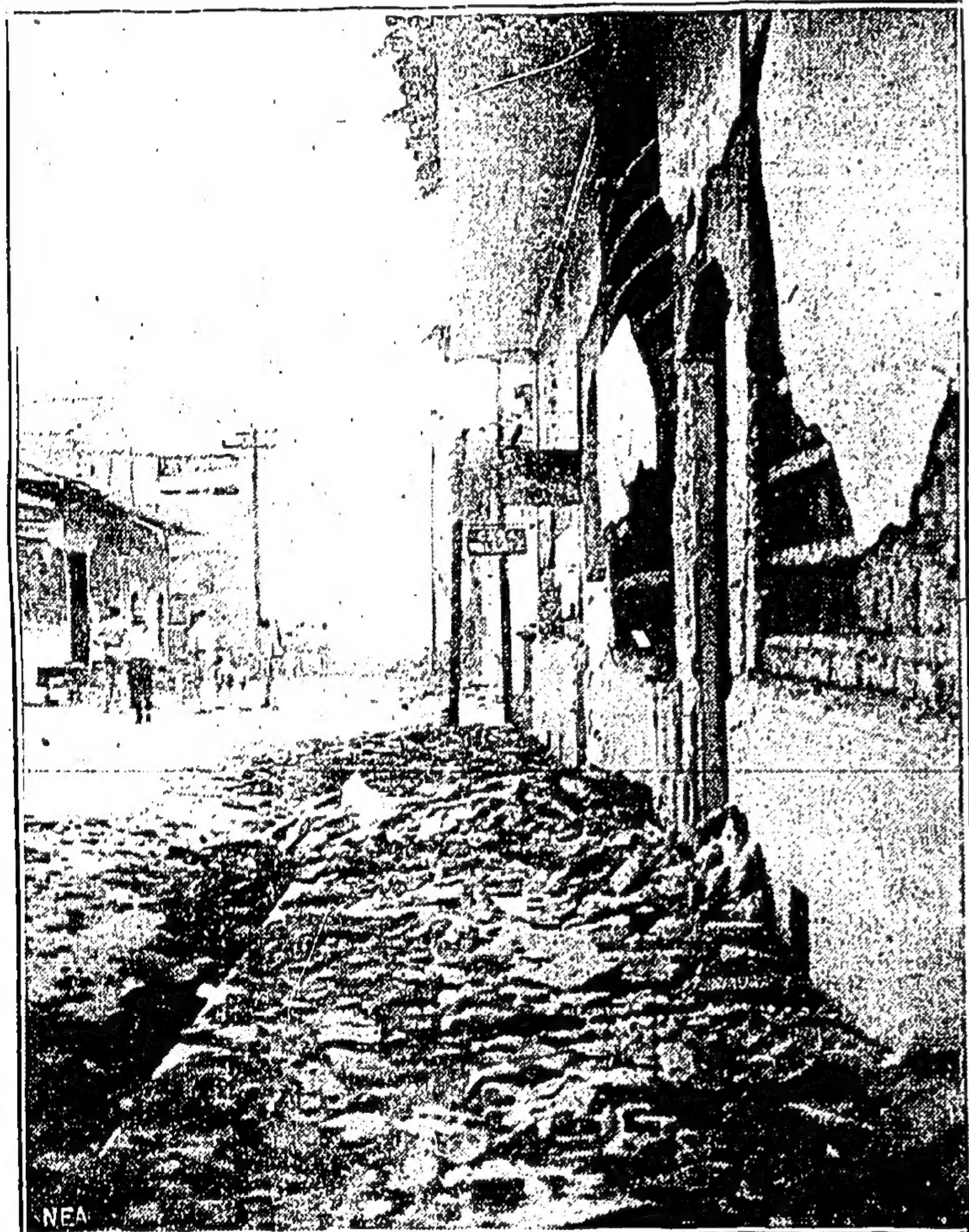


Major Robert Denig, of the U. S. Marine Corps, one of twenty Americans injured in the quake disaster.



Lieut. James Denham, who also escaped death narrowly. A beam from a building, laid him unconscious, with severe head injuries.

FIRST MANAGUA QUAKE PICTURES



One of the streets which escaped lightly in the first disaster is shown above. Subsequently fire swept through it and completed the wreckage.



A grim search for bodies in a large building which was completely destroyed. Scenes like this were duplicated everywhere.



Rescue workers are shown above working under direction of American Marines in saving unfortunate fellow-citizens buried in the debris of their homes. Would-be looters were shot down.



Another view of the ruins in Managua. Thousands of buildings crumpled on the first severe shock or were destroyed in the subsequent fire. In the foreground is a victim.

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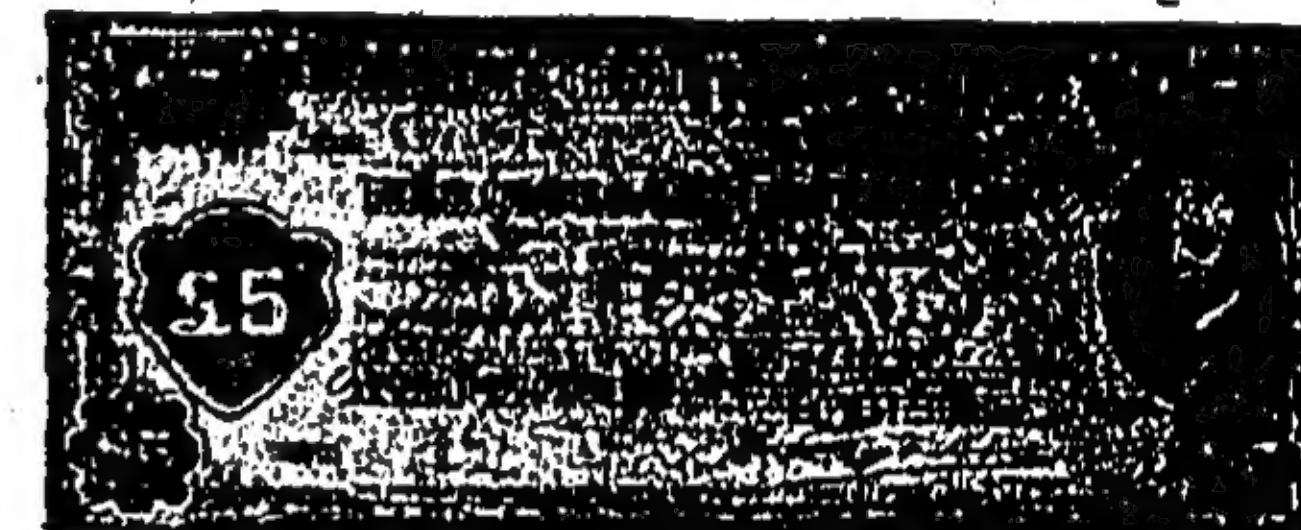
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Notice is hereby given that the First Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Saturday, the 16th day of May, 1931, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1930, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 9th to the 16th day of May, 1931, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1931.

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CHICAGO GANG MEET THEIR MATCH.

Chicago, Apr. 15.

Despite the election of his new Mayor, the city today witnessed another of its now familiar and sensational bank hold-ups, with bullets flying in every direction.

Early this morning eight bandits, bristling with shot guns, made a frontal attack on the small local bank at the city suburb of Cicero. On gaining an entry to the bank's premises, the bandits immediately ordered the employees and the bank's customers to empty their hands up.

A plucky attendant, however, had sufficient presence of mind to rush for cover and started blazing away at the gunmen who were not slow to respond, with the result that bullets were soon flying in all directions.

Everyone ducked or flopped on the floor except the cashier, who was too slow, with the result that he sustained a nasty wound in one leg. One of the gunmen was also hit.

This unexpected opposition caused the gunmen hastily to pick up their wounded comrade and make good their escape, but without the expected loot.

ALL RUSSIAN MEN TO BE DRESSED ALIKE.

MAY DAY EXHIBIT OF UNIFORM.

Riga (Latvia), Apr. 15.

A campaign has been opened in the Soviet for the introduction of uniform clothing for men.

The Krasnaya Gzeta reports that samples of the projected dress will be exhibited on May 1.

The trousers are to be supported by a belt, on which bags will hang to take the place of pockets. They will be full at the waist, but tight below the knee, so that Soviet citizens will be unable to spoil them by pulling them off and on over their boots.

The waistcoat is to be abolished. Coats will be short, loose at the shoulders, and without collars. The shirt will be open at the neck.

CINEMA NOTES.

TENSE COURTROOM SCENE IN "PAID".

About the most useful sets in motion pictures to-day are the courtrooms. Scarcely a dramatic talking film with a modern theme is screened without one.

The reason for the popularity of the courtroom in talkies, as explained by Director Sam Wood, who used one in Joan Crawford's now starring vehicle, "Paid", coming on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre, is because of its peculiar adaptability to both the technical and dramatic side of talkie producing.

"In talking pictures it is very difficult to present briefly a certain happening which you do not actually want to show but which is vital to the story," said Wood.

"The courtroom gives you an excellent opportunity to relate that incident. It is also useful for dramatic suspense and affords splendid advantages in sound recording and photography.

"The use of courtrooms in talkies probably had its inception in 'The Hellgramite', the first sound film made by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. It was followed by 'The Trial of Mary Dugan' and 'Madame X', and writers and directors quickly grasped the possibilities glimpsed in those pictures.

"The 'Divorcee' had its courtroom which saved enormous footage and dialogue in disclosing a sequence of events in one scene. 'Dynamite' opened with a courtroom scene and Greta Garbo's 'The Kiss' closed in one.

About four out of every ten films now being made have at least one scene in the halls of justice," Wood concluded.

The new Crawford vehicle opens with a courtroom scene, showing the heroine being sentenced to prison for a crime which she did not commit. "Paid" the girl to avenge herself for the injustice of society is the theme of the fascinating underworld drama based on Bayard Veiller's stage success, "Within the Law."

"Passion Flower."

To dress and act up to a title role such as "Passion Flower" is undoubtedly a difficult assignment but from all reports the feat has been accomplished with no little distinction by Kay Francis in the new William de Mille-directed picture which will be the feature at the Queen's Theatre starting today.

As the glamorous Duke who finds in her cousin's husband qualities lacking in his own older and invalid spouse, Miss Francis has the role which made a best-seller of the Kathleen Norris novel from which the talkie was adapted by Martin Clavin, author of "The Criminal Code."

Dulce, the butterfly, must of necessity be a direct foil to Cassy, the hard-working faithful wife. Adrian, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer gown designer, was given orders to work his will on Miss Francis' wardrobe. This actress, frequently termed in private life the best-dressed woman in Hollywood, has a constant succession of gowns and frocks covering every dress exigency. In fact, the modern woman could pick up the Francis' clothes of "Passion Flower" and be in fashion for any occasion.

There is a lovely black satin negligee, a bouffant dress in orchid, a dream of a riding habit, a smart yellow organdie house frock and another striking evening dress of black, orange and white.

"Dulce is not a vamp in any sense of the word," stated Miss Francis in discussing the part. "She is just a woman who through a combination of circumstances got the wrong end of a married life. How she got into her false views and how she had the courage to get herself out makes one of the most fascinating parts I have ever had."

Miss Francis was borrowed from Paramount to play the title role. Others in the cast are Ray Johnson, Charles Bickford, Lewis Stone, Zasu Pitts, winter Hall and Dickie Moore.

"Ladies Love Brutes"

Mary Astor, whose exotic beauty has brought her quick fame in the ranks of young screen actresses, furnishes the feminine half of the love interest, and heads the supporting cast in George Bancroft's newest talking picture, "Ladies Love Brutes" which is now showing at the Central Theatre.

Miss Astor appeared recently in "The Rough Riders." Since that time she played on the stage in a play in Los Angeles and after the premier of this production received four offerings from screen producers.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2025 b.
Chartered Bank, \$14 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$23 1/2 n.
East Asia \$120 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1400 sa.
Union Ins., \$640 b.
China Underwriters, \$4.90 b.
China Fire, \$625 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$23 1/2 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 1/2 n.
Indo-China, (Det.) \$30 b.
Union Waterboats, \$27 1/2 b.

Mining.

Benguets \$9 1/2 n.
Kullans, 27/6 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Raubis, \$38 1/2 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, 164 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 1/2 b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Provident, \$5.50 b.
Hongkongs, Tls. 280 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 113 1/2 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 13.50 b.
Shai Cotton Tls. 101 b.
Zoong Slings Tls. 113 1/2 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$15.00 s.
H. K. Land 91 1/4 b.
Shai Land Tls. 39 b.
Humphreys' \$17 n.
Renties, \$11.60 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$19.10 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/2 n.
Star Ferries, \$94 1/2 s.
China Lights, \$26 1/2 s.
H. K. Electric, \$80 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$54 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.60 n.
Singapore Tractors, 6/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons \$39 n.
Canton Ice, \$3.60 b.
Cement (Com.), \$18.55 b.
Ropes, 20 1/2 sa.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$27 s.
Watson, \$14 s.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$6.65 b.
Mackintosh, \$18 n.
Sinceres, \$14 1/2 n.
Powells, \$4 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26 n.
Construction, \$7.65 n.
B'que Ltd. G. Bonds, 70% b.

With her in Bancroft's supporting cast are Fredric March, of "The Marriage Playground" and "Sarah and Son" fame; Stanley Field, the hard-boiled Detroit gambler of "The Street of Chance"; David Durand and Freddie Burke Frederick, child actors who have appeared in a number of productions.

"Ladies Love Brutes" is based on an original play, "Pardon My Glove" by Zoe Akins, who wrote "Sarah and Son." The director is Rowland V. Lee, who directed Bancroft in "The Wolf of Wall Street," one of the burly star's greatest plays.

"Playboy of Paris."

Maurice Chevalier is his usually bright self in the production "Playboy of Paris," which opened a short run at King's Theatre yesterday. Attracted by his previous performance, there were large attendances at all shows. Though hardly coming up to the standard of entertainment set in "Love Parade," still his admirers could find there was enough to amuse them in the versatile acting of Chevalier, who makes the most of the somewhat limited range of action permitted him by the producers. It is enough to say that from first to last he carries with him the chief interest and action of this latest picture, and enhances a reputation already solidly established.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Day
Japan and Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 18th Apr.)	Kalyan	May 8.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 8.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 18th April)	Pres. Madison	May 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	May 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	May 9.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjikembang	May 10.
Japan and Shanghai	General Metzinger	May 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 17th April)	Pres. Hayes	May 16.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea, Thurs., May 7, 3 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning, Thurs., May 7, 4 p.m.
Amoy	Tilawa, Thurs., May 7, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Emps. of Russia, Fri., May 8, 8 a.m.
	Parcels, May 7, 5 p.m.
	Registration, May 8, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B. C. 26th May).
*Shanghai and *Japan	Knshmir, Fri., May 8, 10 a.m.
Heihow, Pakhoi and Hainphong	Klungchow, Fri., May 8, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hal Ching, Fri., May 8, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kalyan, Sat., May 9.

Parcels	Registration	Letters
May 8, 4.30 p.m.	May 9, 9 a.m.	10 a.m.
G.P.O.		
Parcels	May 8, 5 p.m.	Registration May 9, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10.30 a.m.	(Due Marseilles 6th June).

Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia

Manila

Straits and Calcutta

Amoy

Saigon

Bangkok via Swatow

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa

Manila and Java via Sourabaya

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Registration, May 12, 1 p.m.

Letters, 1.45 p.m.

Registration, 2.30 p.m.

(Due Marseilles 13th June).

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

Sandakan

Amoy

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BLACKMAILING A DOCTOR.

COUPLE IN DOCK IN EVENING DRESS.

On a charge of demanding, with menaces, \$500 from a doctor whose name was not disclosed, the Bow-street magistrate remanded for a week:

Charles Dunkley, independent.

Arundel Hotel, Strand.

Eva Smith (33), Grove-road, Eastbourne.

Both appeared in the dock in evening dress.

Inspector Collins said that he gave the prosecutor certain instructions at Scotland Yard, and saw him enter the Strand Hotel wearing two carnations and carrying a parcel.

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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

YOUR CHILDREN.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

Moral responsibility should be planted in the hotbed of a child's nature in the earliest spring of his life.

Without this, sense I doubt if any of us quite measure up to all that is noble.

I don't believe that, like greatness, we are either born to it, achieve it, or have it thrust upon us. I believe that this sense of responsibility to others must be put into us by early suggestion.

The best way to plant the seed of moral responsibility in little children is to begin on the story of the home, and make it clearly understood that they have to get very busy and do things that will make everybody else in the house happy.

Making Imitation Count.

Tiny children are imitative and they will do what other people do. So that is a good way to begin.

Pick up Betty's block for her and say, "Now Betty bring some." After a while she will gather them up without suggestion very likely. And still later she won't help, merely, but will do it herself.

Now the lesson behind this little performance is not orderliness primarily. It is the feeling that lies behind it, the little sprout of responsibility to others, and a desire to keep things nice because other people in the house like it.

Orderliness makes a good beginning.

The next lesson might very well be that of service. We can suggest this in the same manner we did the other, by direct example. There is Daddy's paper to get, or Grandma's glasses, Mother's stool for her feet, or a saucer of water for Punch.

He'll Seek Opportunities.

Other responsibilities follow naturally, the next step being observation. If these little lessons are kept up until the habit is formed a very small child learns to look for opportunity without being told. When he sees his toys scattered about after he is through playing, it will occur to him that the place looks better if they are put away. He'll pick them up and put them where they belong.

Or he'll notice his father looking for the paper. When he goes off himself to get it or to bring Grandma's glasses without asking, or Punch's drink, that day I think we can congratulate ourselves that our work is well begun.

Good husbands and good wives are usually those who have had this strong sense of duty to others developed in them in childhood.

TWO SMART WEDDING GOWNS.



[By Joan Savoy.]

If you are debating just what type of bridesmaid's frock to have, or just what to wear to a smart wedding reception, or some kind of romantic party in the not-too-distant future, the de luxe cotton and linen party frocks are probably the answer to the question.

Cottons and linen, incidentally, have scaled the heights of fashion and are right in the social register, so to speak. You will make no mistake about casting your eye on them.

Nothing on earth could be daintier, prettier or more quaintly modern and utterly beguiling than some of these new creations. They have a romantic quality all their own, usually touched with colour against white, in the form of flowers, or embroidery or sashes—than which nothing on earth ever was more romantic!

There are two types of costumes that would more than fill the bill

at the fussiest function your spring social calendar holds. One is the new organdie frock. The other is the eyelet linen.

If it is a spectator wedding gown you are looking for, there is a white, organdie frock, with ravishing embroidery in red and a red velvet sash. This has a fitted waist and skirt yoke and a circular skirt below it that sweeps the floor. There are flaring circular flounces below. And white, which is the most bewitching colour any woman can wear.

A type of gown perfect for the bridesmaid is an eyelet embroidered linen frock with quaint tight bodice, puff short sleeves, a full long skirt and a lacy velvet sash with a cute little nosegay at the waistline. A hat matches, with flared back front brim and long, trailing back brim. The square neckline is just the perfect touch. In white this is adorable. In pastel colours, delectable.

FASHION NOTES.

Spring-Time Lingerie.

Spring-Time Lingerie is being spread all over the French capital, and it has one acute and concentrated motive—to emphasise the smartness of our visible garments. Lingerie these last years has been reduced to the least common denominator—underwear, and very little of them. This year, with more clothes on the outside, lingerie lengths out to match, and divided into several parts to make the ensemble necessary under the costume.

Above the knees solos and singles under a semi-transparent street dress aren't enough. They leave an awful hiatus between the hem of the undergarment and the skirt hem, which even the most unobservant must observe. Combinations that

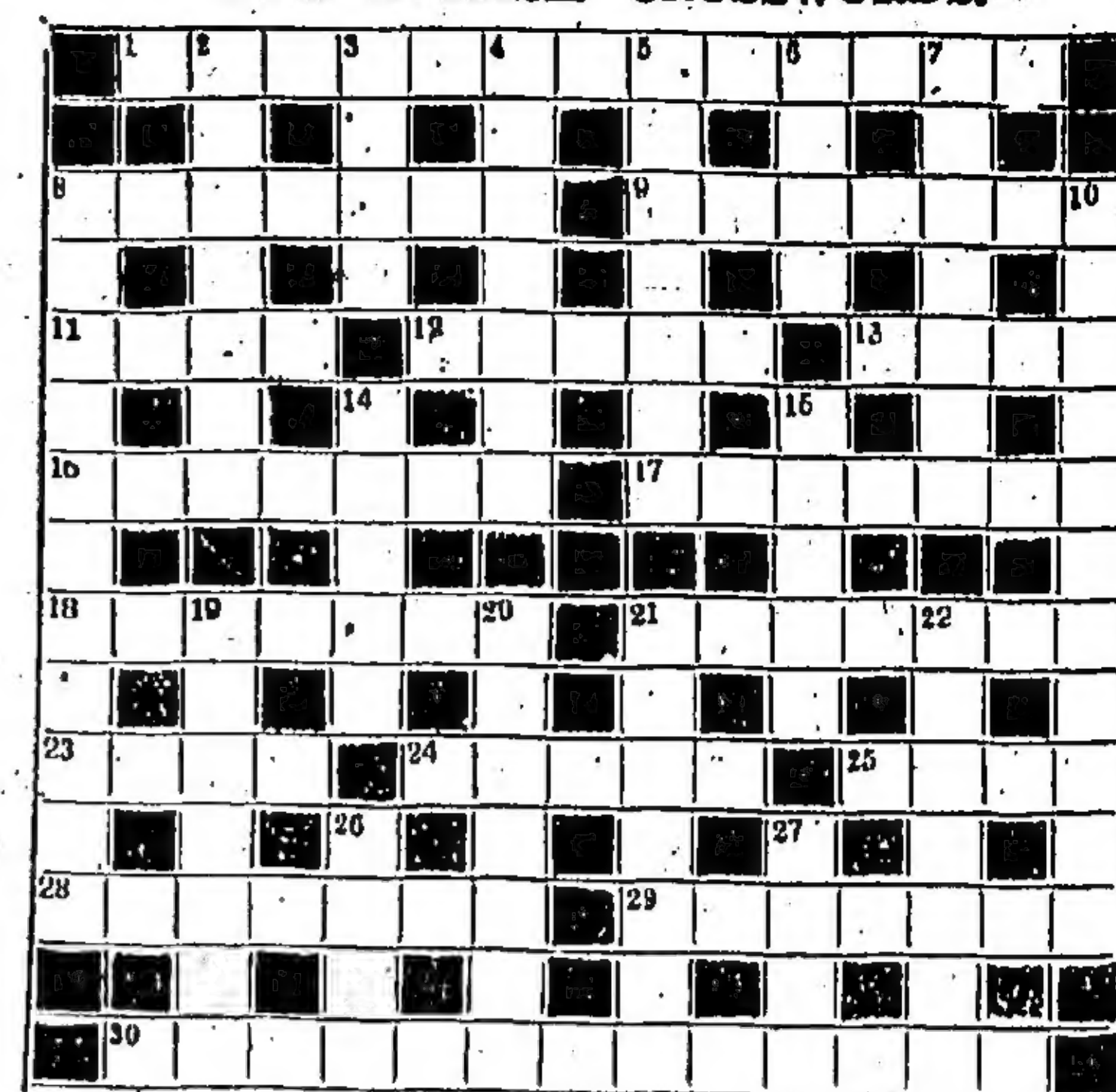
are as long, or almost as long, as the dress they underlie, are necessary things. Therefore the foremost Paris lingerie creators are featuring lingerie ensembles made up of combinations and panties.

Petticoats are being worn by style dictators. These are the two foremost daytime lingerie ensembles, and they are always made of pliable silks, cut to hug the figure and reduce bulkiness to its irreducible minimum. Lace is used for such lingerie. Tucks, set in bands, and hemstitching are favoured forms of daytime underwear decoration.

A NEW MACARONI.

Ordinary macaroni is manufactured with water. A new variety, recently placed on the market, is rendered additionally nourishing by incorporating milk in place of

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

- 1 If this is complete, there will be no blame.
- 8 Planned work.
- 9 Instil this, in pomp and dignity.
- 11 An unpleasant person who nevertheless receives an embrace in the end.
- 12 Becomes unsociable.
- 13 Beneath your window this looks almost silly.
- 16 Hot stuff in South America.
- 17 He makes men—and women, now—fit, helped by rain.
- 18 He gathered crumbs that fell from a rich man's table.
- 21 Prelude to a fall.
- 23 Here's the best one. Please give it to Olive (hidden).
- 24 Extreme terror.
- 25 This cap fits no one but its owner.
- 28 What the farmer in Australia frequently suffers from.
- 29 Perform again.
- 30 I hope there are none of these errors in this puzzle.

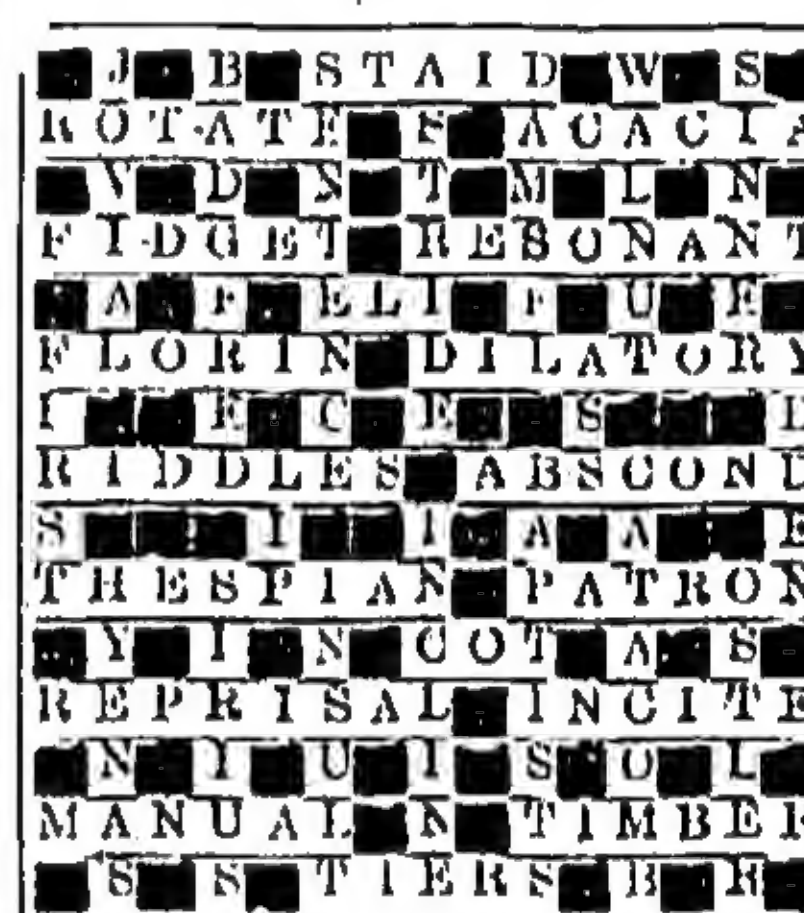
Down.

- 2 A good deal of the "roast beef of Old England" comes from here, and it touches Argentina.
- 3 Two make a quarrel, three make this.
- 4 Bending.
- 5 Now let us have a game round the rick.
- 6 However you do this, you'll have to ask if you're right at the end.
- 7 An eloquent speech.

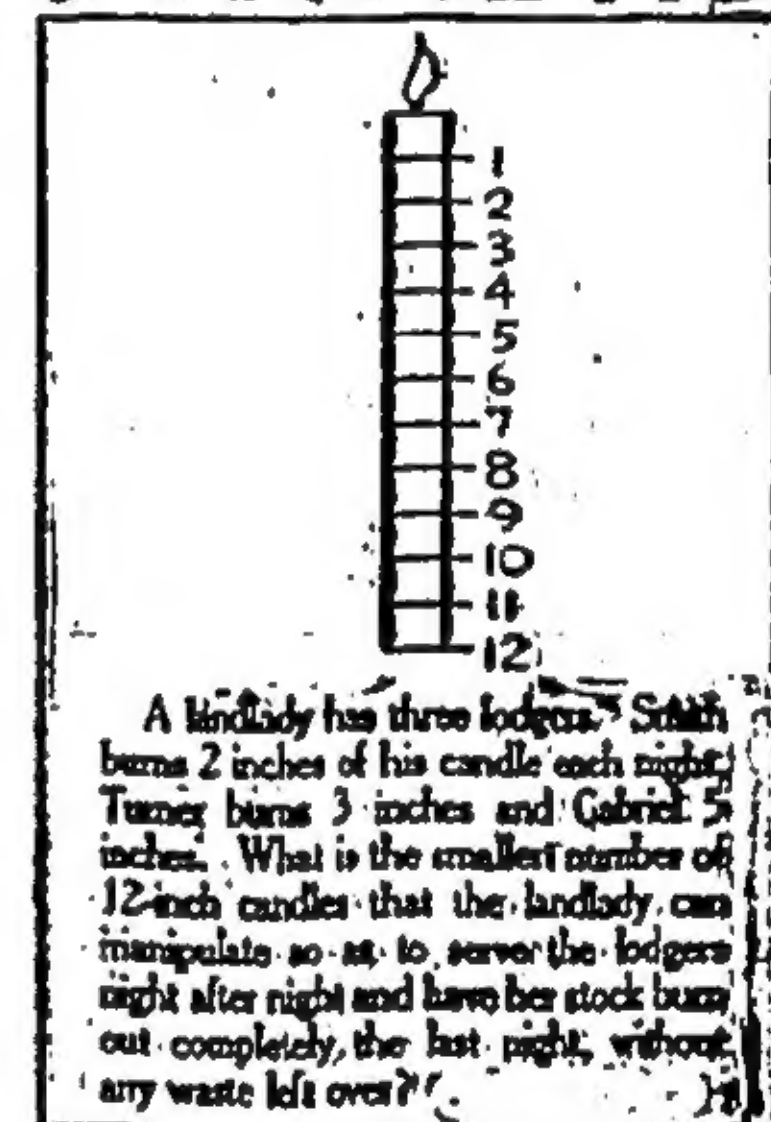
8 Made netwice.

- 10 Round all large cities we now "lament green" on account of their growth (anagram).
- 14 If I were in your place I should think of harden.
- 15 Indian Province and river.
- 19 A section of biology frequently mispronounced.
- 20 Splash.
- 21 A jockey is sure to put his foot in it.
- 22 A fruitful "hanky."
- 26 Look up and see a girl; look down and you'll find she's nearly alight.
- 27 A son of Jacob.

Yesterday's Solution.

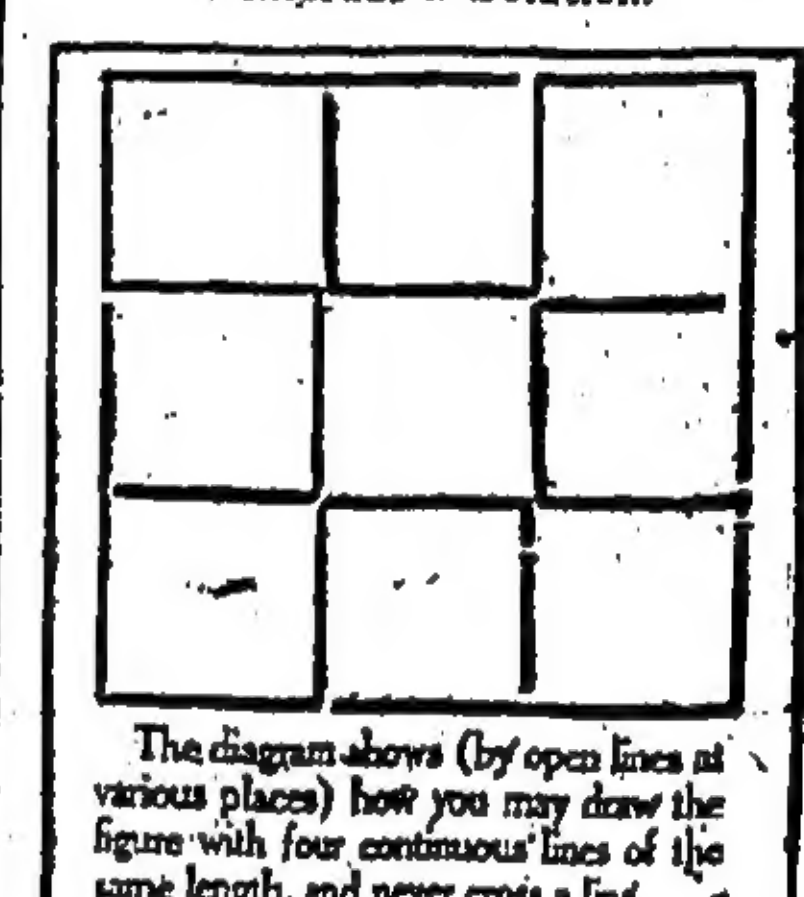


STICKERS



A ladder has three ladders. Each bears 2 inches of his candle each night. Taper burns 3 inches and (Candle 5 inches. What is the smallest number of 12-inch candles that the ladder can illuminate so as to serve the ladders right after night and have her stock burn out completely the last night, without any waste left over?

Yesterday's Solution.



The diagram shows (by open lines at various places) how you may draw the figure with four continuous lines of the same length, and never cross a line.

ART COLLECTION FOR AMERICA.

£1,000,000 REQUEST.

New York, Apr. 14. One of America's most important private art collections has been given to the public under the will of Mr. Michael Friedsam, President of Altman and Co., who died last week.

Valued at more than £1,000,000, this collection is especially important, owing to its number of French and Flemish Primitives in which Mr. Friedsam was especially interested.

In this respect, it is said, the collection which contains 53 French Primitive Flemish works is un-

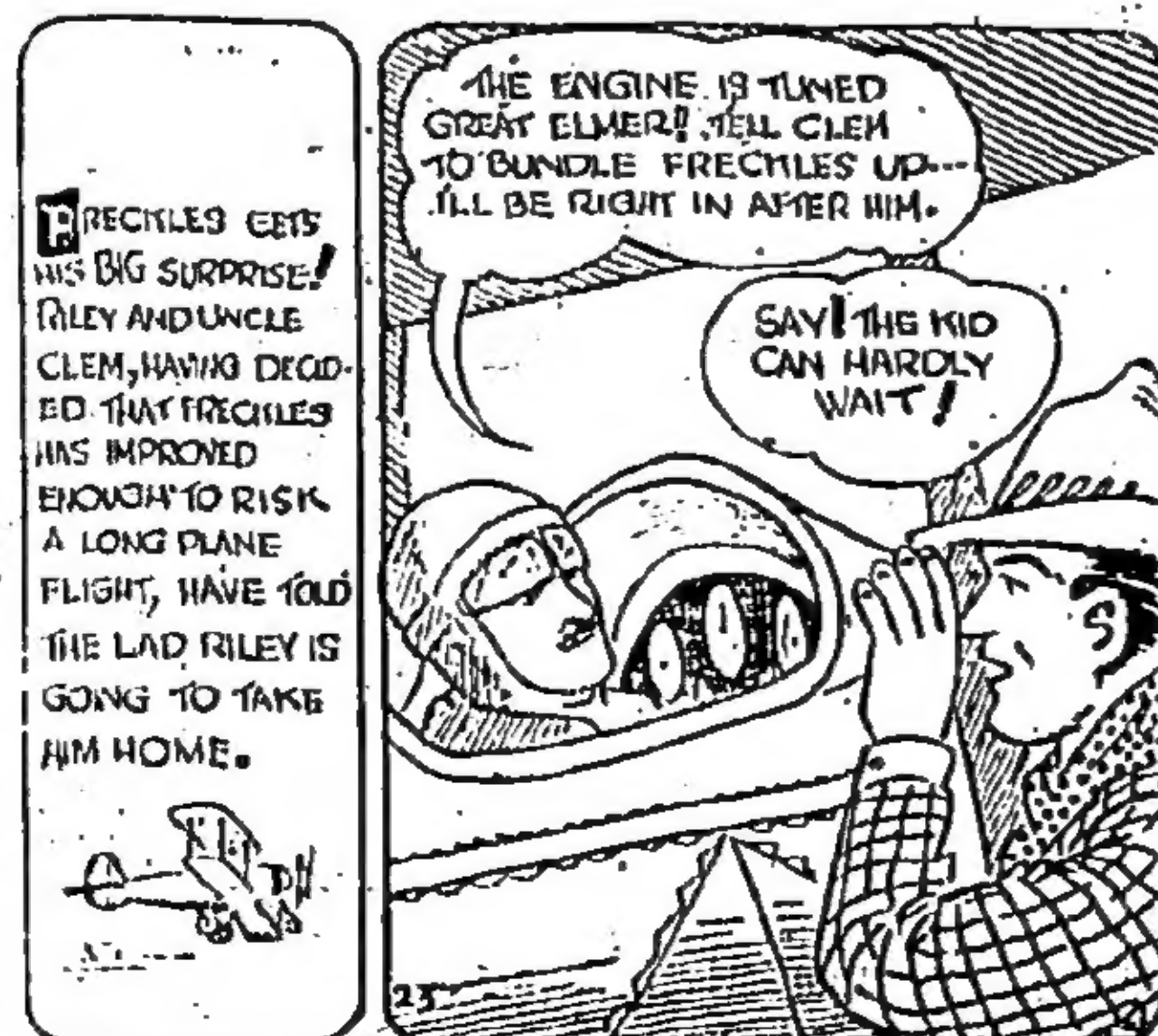
equaled outside the Louvre or the Brussels and Antwerp Museums.

In addition to these the collection contains several Rembrandts, of which the best known is possibly "Portrait of a Rabbi," a number of early Italian masterpieces, including works by Botticelli, Tintoretto, and Fra Angelico, and more recent paintings by British, German and Spanish masters.

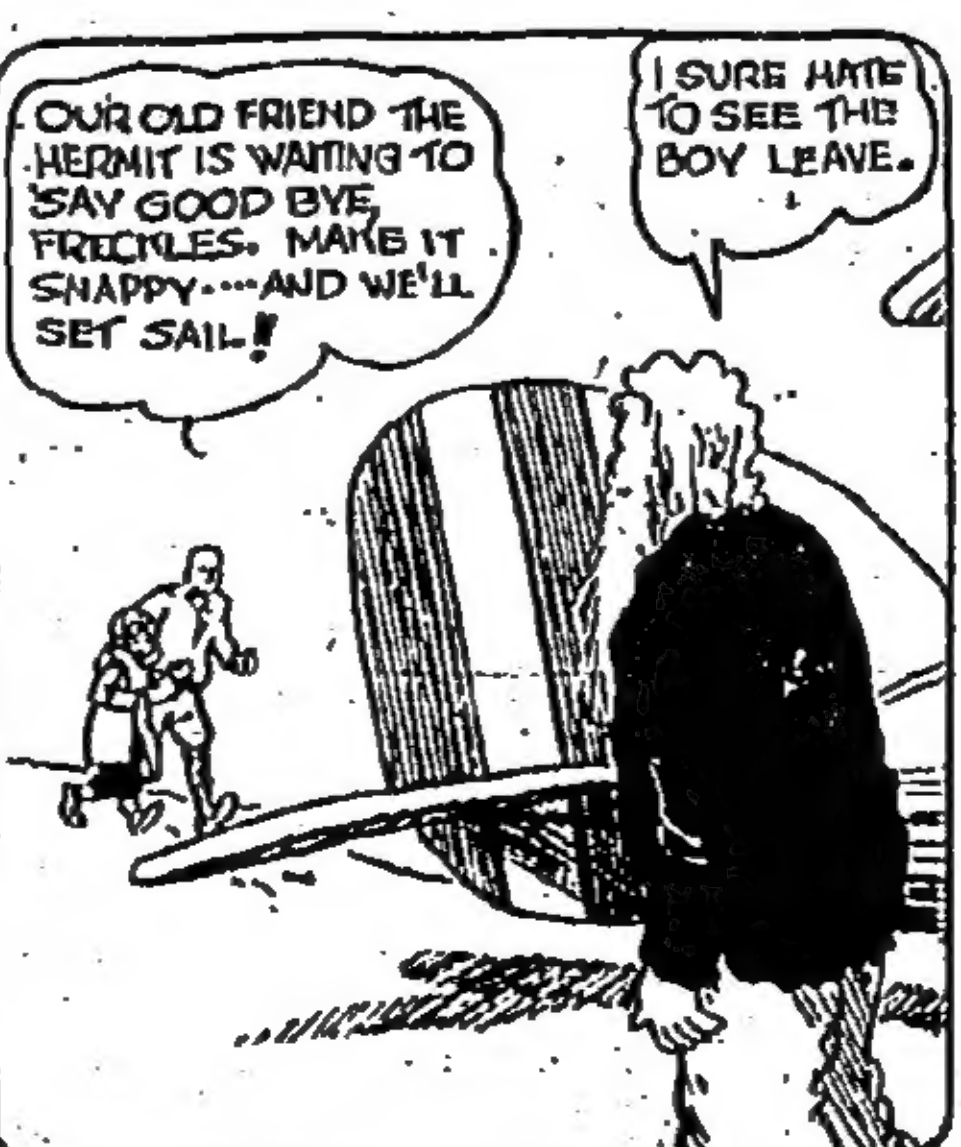
The will gives preference to the Metropolitan Museum as recipient of the collection, but specifies that it is to be kept intact, and if no museum can accept it on such terms the collection is to be sold, and the proceeds devoted to charity.

After making specific bequests of 900,000 dollars (£180,000), a portion of which is for charitable institutions, Mr. Friedsam left the residue, of his estate, estimated at several million dollars, to the care and education of youth, and to the care and comfort of the old in whatever manner the executors see fit but along lines he had discussed with them before his death.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The engagement is announced between Capt. Maurice Richard Burke, M.B., B.A., M.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. J. Burke, 4, Longfield Road, Ealing, and Edith Mabel (Robt) second daughter of Mr. A. E. J. Booth, D.C.M., R.A.S.C., and Mrs. Booth.

DEATH.

RAZACK.—At her residence, Mrs. Sarah Abdul-Razack, wife of Mr. M. A. Razack, at 4.25 a.m. the funeral will take place at her residence at 5.15 p.m. today, Shanghai papers please copy.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1931.

HONGKONG'S MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Faced with an internal crisis caused by the serious plight in which the sugar industry finds itself, Jamaica, is to have its Military Contribution suspended this year. The news is not without its interest to Hongkong in view of the efforts which were recently made to secure some relief for this Colony, badly hit as its finances have been in consequence of the slump in silver. It will be recalled that during the Budget debate last year, H.E. the Governor hazarded the view that there was not the slightest chance of inducing "the stony-hearted Home Treasury" to agree to any material reduction in Hongkong's contribution. This statement followed an unsuccessful attempt by Sir Cecil Clementi to secure exemption in respect of fresh taxation levied in order to meet the cost of Civil Servants' salary revision. The Secretary of State declined to make the concession. He has, however, proved less stony-hearted in the case of Jamaica.

We remember the time, many years ago, when it was seriously suggested in the Legislative Council that Hongkong's Military Contribution should be limited to a round million dollars per annum. Since those days, so great has been the necessity of raising fresh revenue, that the sum which this Colony now contributes is almost four times that figure. The irony of the system of levying is that whenever the Colony needs revenue for any purpose whatever it must make provision for twenty per cent. more than it needs in order that the War

Office may have its accustomed share. The trouble is that the Imperial authorities will not vary the percentage, and thus all efforts to secure a reduction have failed. There is, of course, one important point which must not be overlooked, one which was made by H. E. the Governor during the Budget debate, namely, that the sterling value of the Colony's contribution has very markedly decreased as a consequence of the fall in the dollar. In other words, although the Colony contributes much more in dollars, the War Office receives much less in sterling. But that is one of the inherent weaknesses of the system of assessment when applied to a Colony such as Hongkong which has a fluctuating currency.

If, however, there is small chance of getting the method of computation altered, there is a strong case for exempting certain revenues from the obligations of the Military Contribution. Indeed, Sir William Peel intimated in his Budget speech that favourable consideration might be given to the exemption of capital expenditure on certain undertakings. It would be interesting to know whether this matter has been further explored, and if so, what the outcome has been. It was also stated by H.E. Excellency that he would endeavour to secure the permission of the Secretary of State for the publication of the correspondence which passed last year between Sir Cecil Clementi and Lord Passfield on the question of the incidence of the Contribution. Several months have passed since that promise was made, and we suggest that it is time more was heard of the matter. In any event, in view of the special treatment which Jamaica is securing, no harm could be done by again raising the whole issue, quoting the Jamaica concession as a precedent for special consideration when, as with Hongkong at present, unusual conditions prevail. By constant pegging away, something might be achieved.

British Conversion Scheme.

There is still much speculation regarding the purpose of Mr. Montagu Norman's recent visit to America. He is credited with an attempt to change America's attitude towards debts and reparations. He is also said to have been engaged in silver stabilisation discussions, and preliminary arrangements for the formation of an international syndicate for lending money to States in financial distress. A brief passage in Mr. Snowden's Budget speech, however, seems to offer a real clue to Mr. Norman's mission. The Chancellor of the Exchequer again disclosed that the Treasury is only awaiting the right moment for embarking upon huge scale loan conversions. If by any chance Mr. Norman dealt with financial issues on his visit to Washington, therefore, it is more than likely that the problem of War Loan conversion was uppermost. American assistance in carrying through a big operation, aimed at dealing with the whole block of \$2,000,000,000, would be absolutely necessary. British credit stands high in Wall Street and there is little doubt that underwriting could be placed in New York for a sufficient margin above anticipated conversions to ensure complete success. Mr. Snowden's anxiety to move at the first opportunity is easily understood. But for the mill-stone of the Five Per Cent. War Loan, British credit would be at its highest to-day. The existence of this enormous amount at five per cent. sets the pace for other liabilities, and prevents large savings in interest which otherwise would be possible. Money is cheap enough, and the demand for gilt-edged securities is increasing. The City believes that Mr. Snowden could achieve his purpose to-morrow if he so desired, and that if he waits too long he may "miss the boat." But if Mr. Montagu is in a position to give an assurance of American assistance, the Chancellor will not delay very long. Britain and America are faced with a long period of cheap money and it is hardly likely that such a shrewd financier as Mr. Snowden will allow the opportunities to escape him.

DAY BY DAY

SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS GRUMBING BECAUSE ROSES HAVE THORNS. I AM THANKFUL THAT THORNS HAVE ROSES.—Alphonse Karr.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalgan, from Shanghai, is due tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. By an inadvertence this vessel was yesterday referred to as the s.s. Kalgan from Singapore.

Tam Wing, aged 14, who was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital following a fall from a tram-car in Tin Lok Lane on April 30, died at that institution at 2.25 a.m. to-day.

A circular issued to-day ratifies that a reward of \$100 will be paid to any person giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person charged with stealing or receiving motor car accessories.

The distribution of prizes of the Holy Spirit School is to take place at St. Patrick's Hall at 5.30 to-night. The Very Rev. James Walsh, Superior General of Maryknoll, New York, is to perform the ceremony.

As a result of an argument with her son, Chan Wah-ying, aged 46, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday with a severe wound in her throat. The son, Fung Yu-chun, aged 17, is also in hospital, where he is under observation.

We are informed that, owing to the recent increase in working costs, due to the present low rate of exchange, the Directors of the China Light & Power Company do not consider it advisable to declare an interim dividend in respect of the financial year ending 30th September, 1931.

When a huge boulder at the Chi On quarry became dislodged shortly after noon yesterday, it rolled down the hillside and struck a stone breaker, Fung Fat, aged 43, who lived in a hut nearby. He received severe injuries to the head and face and was admitted to Kowloon Hospital, where he died at 3 p.m.

Mr. M. W. Stevens, formerly of Hongkong, is on a business visit to the Colony. Mr. Stevens is now resident in Shanghai and is special representative of the United States Rubber Export Co., Ltd., distributors of Royal Cord tyres, for which Messrs. Wallace Harper and Co. are the local agents.

SUGAR MARKET.**THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.**

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penfrenth and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 6/9 down 1 1/2 d.
May 1932 6/11 down 1 d.
August 1931 6/2 down 1 1/2 d.
December 1931 6/6 down 1 1/2 d.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.32 down 4 pts.
May 1932 1.49 down 4 pts.
July 1931 1.18 down 5 pts.
September 1931 1.27 down 4 pts.
December 1931 1.34 down 5 pts.
London 6/5/31.—Decline appears to be due to bad general conditions in the United States of America.



"Indeed! I have served the last three years under the honorable Smith-Kents, the people you didn't get an invitation from last season!"

STUPID VANITY.

By A. P. GARLAND.

VANITY in human beings assumes strange forms. From the hauteur of the man that can trace his ancestry back to some shaggy marauder of four centuries ago to the petty conceit of the wearer of an Old Lilliputians tie, there are innumerable ways in which we can try to convince the world that we are something out of the ordinary. Most of these vanities are understandable.

There is one, however, that baffles me with its futility, the vanity of the veteran athlete.

Consider, for example, the case of the man who has made a god of athletics. He is, let us say, in the "Roaring Forties" for census purposes, but in the realms of sport he ranks as a thirtyish. He can still do a ten-mile cross-country "dash" in half an hour, and he can play tennis all day without any sign of distress, he can even go through a gruelling seventy minutes of Rugby as a full-back. "Marvellous veteran" is a compliment that is invariably paid to him and one that he more or less expects. Yet to what a dreary pattern has he fashioned the glorious adventure of life!

Sport an Obsession.

From his early days he has allowed his love of sport to become an obsession. Proud of his skill in games, he has been unable to reconcile himself to the thought that in the natural order of things violent exercise and the middle thirties are incompatible. Therefore, he has sacrificed many of the little happinesses of life, has "sacred" delights and lived laborious days.

For what? Solely to retain his athletic powers beyond the normal age. To be out of his element, to see himself lining up with his juniors in field sports, to be an anachronism—in short, to feed a paltry vanity.

True, if athletic prowess were a synonym for good health his scheme of things would be less open to criticism. It is worth sacrificing much to keep fit and well.

But great athletes are not always healthy men. Many "Varsity Blues" have become chronic invalids in the early fifties.

Moreover, the years inevitably take their toll of human strength, and the strain on the veteran's heart must be considerable. Again, there is the constant nerve-strain of the man that persists in fighting a losing battle against Nature. Good health, therefore, cannot be the object for which "superfluous lugs the veteran on the stage."

Not long since I heard such a man boast that he could run a mile in, I think, six minutes. Somehow I refrained from saying to him, "Who wants you to run a mile in six minutes?" You can get there more quickly in a taxi. You are simply a freak. You are like a boy who can waggle his ears. We are astonished at the feat, but see no reason to applaud. Life is something more than a sports ground. Be your age. Moderate exercise is all that you need nowadays, and your craving to keep up with your juniors is positively morbid.

Is It a Worthy Ambition?

I might also have said—and this would be the more telling indictment: "Like most men of your type, you have over-cultivated your body at the expense of your mind. What profits it that your athletic age is thirty if your mental age is ten? You can bound like a goat, I know, but you also think like a goat. Was yours a worthy ambition?"

"You know, too, that in a few years time you must retire from active sports. What will you be then? A doddering chronicler of your 'athletic past—a bore de luxe? Men will sidestep you as they would a hypochondriac or an inveterate borrower of dollars."

I had been holding forth in this strain to a defenceless friend, who suddenly countered with the remark, "Given all that, can't the same indictment be levelled against the woman that makes enormous sacrifices in order to retain her youthful beauty?"

There was something in what he said, but, in my view, the analogy does not hold.

After all, a beautiful woman is a priceless gift to the world, and the longer she preserves her loveliness the more happiness she can confer on us who kneel at her feet. Also in spite of Kents, a thing of beauty is not a joy for ever. So let it be a joy for as long as possible.

Whereas, the wrinkled athlete amid a crowd of smooth-faced boys is merely a curiosity.

Mothers Do Matter.

I AM told that mothers do not matter any longer.

Youth is asserting itself, rearing its young head and peering inquiringly out into the world. There are able teachers, able supervisors, mothers are at a discount.

Perhaps that is the reason for the unrest, for the dissatisfaction of youth as it wanders from one new pleasure to another; perhaps that is what has gone wrong with our world.

For mothers do matter. It was Mahomet who said that "Paradise lies at the feet of mothers."

All the splendid men have had brilliant mothers at the back of them. I do not mean women whose brilliance shone with a radiance that dazzled the world around them, for the brilliance of motherhood is far more subtle than that; it shines through its child.

The mother herself is always a shadowy person, standing in the background, content that the child should be arresting the attention, but it is she who has made the child what he is.

Inferior mothers, must stand for inferior men, and that means an inferior world. The State schools, and under the possibility of State nurseries where everything may be hygienic and sanitary and up to date, can never make up for the individual mother.

She has personality, she has something the State can never give the child; she understands his temperament because he is born of her body, he is part of her soul; she sees herself in his every turn.

Only recently have we realised how tremendous a part personality plays; our forbears believed it to be vulgar to be original; they deprecated anything but a sheep-like following of the herd.

To-day we know that it is personality that makes people, that builds up success, and personality is not to be obtained unless mothers matter.

The child confides its dreams to its mother. They are the beautiful edifices that its soul would build; and the mother encourages and helps.

She does not laugh, because she is his mother. She does not scorn, because she believes anything to be possible for her child just because he is her child.

The mother can make him whatever he will be, and in her eyes there is nothing too great for him, nothing that he may not be able to accomplish. In this way have women made emperors and politicians, kings and diplomats, by their splendid faith in the child, by their encouragement.

When youth shook off the shackles at the end of the war it was inclined to shake off the tender fetters of motherhood. (Continued on Page 7.)

POPULAR DUTCH
CONSUL.GOING ON HOME LEAVE
TO-MORROW.

TEN YEARS IN COLONY.

Mr. M. J. Quist, the popular Consul General for the Netherlands in Hongkong, is proceeding on home leave by the Empress of Russia to-morrow. Altogether, he has been ten years in Hongkong, two as Vice-Consul and eight as Consul General. During his residence here, he has made a host of friends, who hope that after his eight months' vacation he will return to the Colony.

In a talk of a *Telegraph* representative today, Mr. Quist said he could not definitely say whether he would be returning. He hoped he would, as his work here had been most interesting and he had most agreeable contact with the Government. Should he be transferred elsewhere, he would always remember Hongkong, its officials and his friends of many nationalities, in particular, the Chinese, with whom he had built up warm friendships. He hopes that as many of his friends as possible will meet him on the Empress liner at 10.45 a.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Quist's Career.

Mr. Quist was appointed a consular cadet, eleven years ago, and was then, on 12th March, 1906, and therefore has completed more than 25 years' service. His first appointment was to the Consulate General in London. He did not arrive a stranger, as for a time he was in a commercial office there in order to learn business methods and improve his English. He remained in London for two years, then being transferred to Hamburg. Owing to quite unforeseen circumstances his stay in the Hanse town only lasted a couple of weeks. At a moment's notice he had to leave for Singapore. There his chief was Mr. H. Spakler, now a resident in Paris, perhaps the most brilliant Consul-General the Dutch Government ever had east of Suez. Mr. Quist went home in order to prepare for the Vice-consular examination in the early autumn of 1909.

Towards the close of 1910, he was in Shanghai as a Vice-consul. In May, 1914, he came to Hongkong in the same position; on the eve of a home leave he was "lent" to Singapore for six months. The war interfering with transportation, he was obliged to travel home via Hongkong, Shanghai, Siberia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. In spite of this, however, he reached Holland after five weeks. In 1917, when promoted a Consul during home leave, he was first attached to the Dutch Legation in Rio de Janeiro, but it was impossible to proceed there without great delay and as Shanghai wanted a second man who could replace the Consul-General during home leave, he was sent back to the East.

Netherland shipping via Suez between the home country and the colonies having come to a standstill, the colonies transferred their trade to the Pacific. Yokohama, hitherto little visited by Dutch vessels, became an important port of call for the Dutch passengers and brought ships. Therefore, it was necessary in February, 1918, to send Mr. Quist there to take charge of the Vice-Consulate, formerly ably looked after by the Belgian Consul General, Monsieur Bastin and Monsieur Polin, now Charge d'Affaires in Bangkok for Belgium. He stayed there 2½ years, after which he was promoted Consul in Kobe with consular jurisdiction in the Japanese Empire.

In February, 1923, Mr. Quist was promoted a Consul General and since the beginning of March of that year he has been in Hongkong. He has been on home leave twice.

BASKETBALL GAME.

MANILA VISITORS DEFEAT
SOUTH CHINA.

A basketball team of undergraduates from the Santo Tomas (St. Thomas) University of Manila, who are travelling on board the Empress of Russia on their way to Japan, played against the South China Athletic Association at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. last night and won by 52 points to 24.

To-night the visitors will meet the Y.M.C.A. players. The Manila students are to meet basketball teams in Japan, repaying a visit made by a Japanese team to Manila some months ago.

Mrs. H. T. Crensy has consented to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors at the conclusion of the 7th annual athletic sports of the Sacred Heart College on Saturday, at 4.00 p.m. on the Kowloon Football Club Ground. The 120 yards flat race open to the ladies in the Colony will take place at 3.30 p.m. and the half-mile open to the Colony (men) at 3.45 p.m. Entrance free, post entries.

OVER 163,000 TONS
OF REFUSE.HOW COLONY'S RUBBISH IS
HANDLED.

YEAR'S STATISTICS.

Refuse amounting to 163,500 tons (or 448 tons a day) was received at the various depots of the Colony last year, according to the annual report of the Sanitary Department, just issued.

The actual collections totalled 97,000 tons (or 265.75 tons a day), the difference being explained by the fact that a large quantity of refuse is taken to the depots by private firms and individuals.

Practically all the refuse from the city of Victoria was taken to sea by barges, and dumped. All the Kowloon refuse, some 16,374 tons, was dumped at the Cheung Sha Wan reclamation.

There are now twenty refuse barges in use, fourteen in Hongkong and the remainder in Kowloon. In addition, a one-ton Ford truck was put into use at Kennedy Town Slaughter House to replace a buffalo cart.

The refuse actually collected on the island during the year totalled 61,500 tons (of which 63,000 were collected by motor lorry), whilst the Kowloon figure was 32,000 tons (of which 27,000 were dealt with by motor lorry). There was a drop of over 3,000 in the Hongkong collections and an increase of the same figure in Kowloon.

The all-in cost for Hongkong was \$170,000, or \$2.60 per ton, Kowloon's figures being \$80,000, or \$2.44 per ton.

In addition, some 5,330 tons were collected in rural areas, including Shaokwan, and burnt in incinerators.

The report on the work of the Disinfecting Stations shows that during the year 14,121 articles were disinfected in Hongkong and 4,264 in Kowloon.

The number of public vehicles disinfected was 161 in Hongkong and 315 in Kowloon.

TWO DOG CASES AT
KOWLOON.FINE IMPOSED ON AN
AIRCRAFTSMAN.

Sister Julia, of St. Mary's School, was summoned before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for keeping a dog without a licence, the defendant being cautioned.

It was stated that the animal had been given to the Mother Superior but it was the intention of the authorities of the school to give it away as they did not want it. Unfortunately the Mother Superior became sick and was transferred to Hongkong. The dog had since been taken to the Dogs Home.

His Worship remarked that as the dog was not now in the care of the Sisters, he thought a caution would meet the case. The Sister, who people who were doing a lot of good and he did not want to fine them unless it was necessary.

When pleading guilty to a summons accusing him of allowing his dog to be abroad without a muzzle in San Tak Road, Kowloon City, Leading Aircraftsman E. Jackson informed his Worship that the animal apparently got loose during his absence.

His Worship remarked that it was the defendant's duty to secure it in such a way that it did not get loose. He sympathized with owners whose dogs went abroad without their knowledge, but he had to fine everybody because hydrophobia was a very serious matter.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

LOITERER SENT TO
PRISON.FOUND ON VERANDAH IN
EARLY MORNING.

That he had gone to the verandah of the Fernandez Bungalow, in Old Kowloon Tong, merely to sleep, was the excuse put forward by a Chinese who was charged before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with loitering with intent and without being able to give a satisfactory account of himself.

It was stated by Detective Sergeant Goodwin that the defendant was seen by the houseboy in the summer-house at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and when chased he escaped. An hour later he was found on the verandah of the bungalow itself. To have got into the premises he had to climb a ten foot wall which surrounded the bungalow.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

AN UNREGISTERED
MUI-TSAI.TAILOR'S WIFE ORDERED TO
PAY \$50 FINE.

BOUGHT FOR \$210.

Charged with bringing an unregistered *mui-tai* into the Colony, Wong Shim, a tailor's wife, was fined \$50 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court to-day.

The defendant, denying that the girl was a *mui-tai*, declared that she employed her at wage of \$50 a year for the specific purpose of looking after her aged mother-in-law in the country.

She admitted, however, that she paid \$210 to the girl's parents, but this was by way of a loan, or as security against the girl being sold while she was in her custody.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, for the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, produced a document, which he explained was a deed of presentation.

It referred to a sum of \$300 paid over to the girl's father in the country, a month before the present proceedings. Fuller in phraseology, it differed somewhat from the usual deed of presentation figuring in such cases. If the sum mentioned was a loan, no interest was paid on the one hand, while, on the other, the girl was paid no wages.

Detailing the circumstances leading to the case coming to the notice of the authorities, Mr. Macfadyen said that on the 14th instant, the girl went to the Central Police Station and complained of having been ill-treated by her employers.

The police on going to the house, were told by a tailor, who was her employer, that he bought the girl for \$210 about a month ago at Hongkong. He had a family of three sons and three daughters. There were absolutely no signs of ill-treatment, and the girl subsequently retracted her accusation of ill-treatment. It might be that she made that complaint because she was anxious to go back to her mother, and was trying to get into touch with an aunt who lived in Yau-mat.

The employers said it was not intended that the girl should stay in Hongkong long. She was being trained to look after the man's mother in the country who was very old, aged 84.

Mr. Macfadyen said he had not brought the case under the buying and selling of children Ordinance, as it was so recent. I did not think the case was very serious.

Mr. Macfadyen said he thought that a \$50 fine would meet the case. His Worship inflicted a fine of \$50, accompanied by an order for the return of the girl to her parents.

ALLEGED ROBBERY
OF MUI-TSAI.CASE REFERRED TO THE
S.C.A.

Charged with the theft of a sum of \$75 and \$10 worth of jewelry from a *mui-tai* of 721 Nathan Road, a maid servant of the same house appeared before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and was ordered by his Worship to be sent to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for investigation.

It was stated that the complainant discovered that the money was missing yesterday morning, and in her report to the police intimated that she suspected somebody of the household. Investigations were made and the defendant, when questioned, admitted having taken the money, which was subsequently recovered from under the stove in the kitchen.

SOLDIERS ON SERIOUS
CHARGE.ACCUSED OF INJURING
DETECTIVE.

Privates H. James and P. Brian, of the South Wales Borderers, were remanded for a week by Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they appeared to answer a charge of having inflicted grievous bodily harm on Chan Kiu, a detective. The charge is the outcome of an altercation in Pedder Street on Sunday night.

Inspector K. W. Andrew, prosecuting, said the men were in military custody. The detective's condition was the same as when he was admitted to hospital, and the doctors were not yet in a position to say how serious it was.

KAYE'DON OFF TO
ITALY.TO ATTEMPT NEW SPEED
RECORD.

London, May 6. Kaye Don, who will endeavour to beat his own water speed record of 133 miles an hour at the Motor Boat Regatta on Lake Garda on May 18th, left London for Italy to-day.—*British Wireless*.

FURTHER LOCAL
ESTATES.FIVE DEALT WITH BY
SUPREME COURT.

FAMILY BEQUESTS.

The late Miss Jessie Smith McLaren, who died at Avondu, Grangemouth, Stirling, Scotland, on September 6, 1930, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$30,200, while total movable estate in Great Britain is £13,657 9s. 11d. Re-issuing of testamentary letters has been granted to Mr. H. C. Macfadyen, of Messrs. Donners, who is attorney for the executors.

Local estate worth \$38,400 was left by the late Mr. Thomas Charles Crane, who died at Meraville, Crowborough, Sussex, England, on October 22, 1930. Net personally amounts to £4,390 17s. 9d. Re-issuing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the executors. Bequests are of a family nature.

Wong in (or Wong Yen) alias Wong Kwong-cheuk, who died at Fat Au village, Chin Kung, Tai Shan District, Kwangtung, on February 26, 1931, left Hongkong estate which has been sworn to \$45,300. Probate of the will has been granted to a son, Wong Man-shui (or Wong Man-sui), to whom everything is bequeathed, who is temporarily residing at No. 101, Bonham Strand.

Cheng Yuet-pu, alias Cheng Kwan Yue Tong, late of No. 7, Queen Victoria Street, who died at Sai Kai How, Shek Ki Chung Shan District, Kwangtung, on or about November 26, 1930, left Hongkong estate worth \$76,900. Probate has been granted to Cheng Lam-shi, widow, and Cheng Chak-pu, fifth son, who are temporarily living at No. 5, Queen Street. Testator directs that everything be handed over to Cheng Chak-pu to administer.

Low Yin, who died intestate at No. 19, Fuk Hing Lane, Ho Nam Canton, on January 16, 1931, left Hongkong estate worth \$29,900. Letters of administration have been granted to Low An-shi, widow, temporarily living at No. 306, Pottinger Street.

MR. WILL EVANS DEAD.

BURLESQUE SKETCHES WHICH
WON HIM FAME.

Mr. Will Evans, the comedian, who had been lying ill at his home at Brixton-hill, S.W., with paralysis of the brain, died on April 11.

The son of Mr. Frederick William Evans, a well-known clown and acrobat, Mr. Evans was born in London in 1873. He first appeared on the stage at Drury Lane in pantomime. After touring with his father's pantomime troupe for several years he returned to London, and in 1890 appeared with his first wife, Ada Luxmore, in an eccentric musical turn at most of the leading halls.

Owing to the illness of his wife he continued as a single turn with his burlesque sketches, which were very popular. He appeared in most of the leading music-halls in England, in America, and on the Continent. Some of his best-known sketches were "Harnessing a Horse," "Whitewashing a Ceiling," "Building a Chicken House," "Papering a House," and "The Breach of Promise Case."

From 1910 to 1919 he appeared in pantomime at Drury Lane, and from 1914 he also appeared at the Gaiety, the Comedy, and the Empire. He was the author of several of his own songs and sketches, and part-author of "Tons of Money" and "The Other Mr. Gibbs."

His last stage appearance in London was at the Scala, where he played in "Cinderella." He gave several broadcast performances.

TWENTY-TWO MAYORS
RESIGN.INSURANCE REGULATIONS
RESENTED.

Paris, Apr. 15. New regulations regarding public insurance, and the provision of local medical and pharmaceutical assistance, are weighing heavily on some districts.

The Mayors of 22 municipalities in Manche sent a protest to the Prefect of the Department, pointing out their difficulties in complying with the new instructions in full, and asking for a relaxation of some of the clauses.

The Prefect called the Mayors together, and discussed the position at a meeting which lasted two hours. He said that the law could not be changed, and that the Mayors must carry out their duties under it.

This led to a remarkable development; all the 22 Mayors, after a brief consultation, resigned their offices. A formal notification of their decision was then sent to the Minister of the Interior.

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THEATRE TO-NIGHT.

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National Military Band. 6733.
Humorous Song-It's For You.
Humorous Song-Havin' You Around is Heaven.
Florence Oldham. DB402.
Vocal Duet-Plane Impressions.
British Pantomime.
Vocal Duet-Mrs. Peer Gynt.
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Banjo Solo-La Vivantiere.
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Vocal Quartet-My Missouri Home.
The Big Four. DB411.
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Terence Casey. DB262.
At The Temple Gates (Sellers).
Gaily Sellers. DB392.
Moonbeams Dance (Gibbons).
Ragmuffins (Wayne).
Terence Casey. DB260.
7.05-7.26 p.m. Band Selections.
Faithful and Bold (Rust).
The Middle March (Alford).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. DB230.
Regimental Marches.
The National Military Band. DB138.
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J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 6639.
Song-Cries of Old London (Arr. Joyce).
Song-Vesper Bell (Popper).
Emmie Joyce (Soprano). DB400.
Piano Solo-Autumn Gardens (Grainier).
Piano Solo-Shepherd's Hey (Grainier).
Percy Grainier. DB1664.
(The above two records are by special request of a listener).
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Song-Tommy Lad (Toschemacher and Morgan).
Norman Allen (Bass). DB360.
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SEASON'S SOCCER FINALE.

SOUTH CHINA TROUCE
THE REST.

FINE TEAM-WORK.

(By "Wanderer.")

South China 5 The Rest 1

In a thrilling game, extremely keen for an end-of-the-season encounter, the Champions defeated the Rest by a wide margin, giving an exhibition typical of their brilliant form throughout the campaign. The Rest were somewhat unfortunate to be so heavily defeated. In the first ten minutes, individual ability seemed likely to triumph against South China's wonderful team work, but the Champions gradually wore down the opposition and towards the end were giving a pattern-winning display.

A V. Gosano was presented with three sitters in the course of the game. Two he muffed badly, the other was brilliantly saved by Pau Ka-ping, whose single surrender occurred after a lead of five goals had been established. Li Wai-tong netted three times, Fung King-cheung and Ip Pak-wa getting the others.

Fung's goal was superb. He started somewhere about thirty yards out, dribbled right through the defence, and practically walked the ball into the net. Ip Pak-wa also obtained a brilliant goal, coming from "no-where" to head the ball past Rodger from Chen Suk-hong's centre.

An entire absence of cohesion robbed the Rest of any chance of giving South China a real tussle for victory. They spoiled the work of the half-backs by roving all over the field instead of marking time on Fung King-cheung, who was in a position to initiate the bulk of South China's dangerous raids. At back, Blackburn was unreliable, Strange having a good deal of responsibility thrust on his shoulders, and emerging from the match with some credit.

Forward, Gosano showed the effects of his long absence from the game, and only on the left wing occasionally did the Rest show signs of working order.

South China were powerful in every department. The backs kicked with wonderful accuracy, and their tackling was deadly. The half-backs were equally effective in attack and defence.

A superb forward line made full use of its opportunities against an unsteady defence, neat and accurate passing bouts carrying them through time and time again.

Presentation of Trophies.

At the close of the game, Mrs. J. Orniston presented the League trophies. Before the presentation, Mr. G. T. May congratulated South China on winning both the League championship and the Senior Challenge Shield.

Mrs. Orniston presented Mr. Pau Ka-ping, South China's captain, with the Hongkong Daily Press cup, and a silver cup to each of the South China players. Silver cups went to the Kowloon F.C., as runners-up in the senior division.

To the South Wales Borderers went the "Fred Ellis" cup, as winners of Division II, and silver cups to each player; also silver cups to the Royal Navy as runners-up in Division II.

The "Chan" cup went to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, winners of Division III, and silver cups to each player.

Miss Paula Hollands then presented Mrs. Orniston with a bouquet, in silver holder, tied with the colours of the H.K.F.A.

Mr. May, on behalf of the League management committee, thanked Mrs. Orniston for making the presentation, and Mr. W. E. Hollands, the League Hon. Secretary, for his work in connexion with the Football League.

On the call of Mr. Pau Ka-ping, three hearty cheers and a "tiger" were given for Mrs. Orniston.

Charity Football.

At a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association to be held on Tuesday next, consideration

LAWN TENNIS.

EXHIBITION GAMES LAST EVENING.

The Rumjahn cousins, Hongkong's tennis doubles champions, were severely trounced in the course of an exhibition match with Khoo Hoo-ye and Paul Kong on the stand court yesterday, losing by four sets to one. The complete scores were 6-3, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.

The cousins played as though they had had sufficient tennis to last them for a long time, and made no serious attempts to counter the devastating attack initiated and sustained by their opponents. Khoo was brilliant overhead, and, as against Andrews the previous day, featured a fine display of all-court work, with deep and fierce smashes from the centre of the court. He rarely failed at the net, and, receiving adequate support from Kong, held complete mastery of the exchanges. The cousins came into their own in the third set, but could not sustain the rally.

Khoo engaged C.A.L. Rumjahn in a short set of eight games, of which he claimed five. Owing to physical tiredness, caused by his strenuous play in the doubles match, he was unable to play the set to a full conclusion.

This afternoon, E. D. Andrews will make his second and final appearance in exhibitions, when he will take part in two matches including a singles with C. A. L. Rumjahn. H. E. the Governor has promised to attend.

LAWN BOWLS.

THE K.B.B.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The K.B.B.C. first team in their home match with Craigengower on Saturday, starting at 4 p.m., will be:

D. Muir.
G. Sherriff.
H. Nish.
W. Russell (Skip).
G. E. Roylance.
G. J. Chambers.
E. W. L. Hogbin.
L. Guy (Skip).
R. S. Nichol.
T. S. W. West.
D. F. Warren.
R. Hall (Skip).

The Second Team.

The K.B.B.C. second team in the away match with Craigengower, starting at 4 p.m., will be:

H. F. Stoneham.
J. J. Cameron.
W. E. Hale.
A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).
G. E. F. Thompson.
J. Rodger.
H. H. Rose.
W. S. Drake (Skip).
F. V. Whitta.
J. G. Meyer.
F. L. Rapley.
V. Fetherick (Skip).
Reserves:—C. S. Beat.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

London, May 6.

The King's uncle, the Duke of Connaught, has returned to London after spending the winter in the South of France.—British Wireless.

will be given to the allocation of receipts in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition. The following has been suggested:

Protestant Orphanage,	\$100.00
Protestant Almshouses,	100.00
Mission to Seamen,	500.00
St. Vincent de Paul,	300.00
Little Sisters of the Poor,	300.00
Chap Shing Hospital,	500.00
Blind Home,	300.00
Alice Memorial Hospital,	600.00
H. K. Benevolent Society,	300.00
St. Dunstan's Home,	250.00
Chinese Leprosy Mission,	1,020.00 (abt)
Soldiers & Sailors Home,	500.00
New Territories Medical,	300.00
Benevolent Society,	244.24
Total	\$5,114.24

Total amount distributed since the competition was started, including current year, amounts to \$37,311.64.

THE SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS.

FIRST PRIZE COMES TO HONGKONG.

Shanghai, May 6.

The result of the Shanghai Championships was:

Saarland (Dallas) 1
Busy Bee (Bowling) 2
Mr. Cinders (Maitland) 3
Won by two lengths, with three-quarters of a length between second and third.

"A" sweep drawing—15501, 21087, 26262.

"B" sweep drawing—32788, 257, 7307.

It is understood that the first prize in the "A" sweep goes to a Hongkong club.—Reuter.

By the courtesy of the Hongkong Club, the following detailed results of yesterday's racing at Shanghai are available:

The Kinkiang Cup (Nine Furlongs) Mr. & Mrs. E. B. McElnain's Phantom (Mr. E. McElnain) 1

Mr. Toog's Alligator (Mr. Pote Hunt) 2
Mr. Day's Cloverland (Mr. Dallas) 3
Time: 2 minutes 28.3 seconds.

The Wuhu Cup (Nine Furlongs) Mr. J. K. Brand's Purple Diamond (Mr. Brand) 1

Mr. Fash's Chilly Eve (Mr. Bolton) 2
Mr. R. H. McNair's Passage Money (Mr. Rothe) 3
Time: 2 minutes 30 seconds.

The Chinkiang Stakes (Nine Furlongs) Mr. Laid's Jack of Diamonds (Mr. Dallas) 1

Mr. P. V. Botelho's Pink Ticket (Mr. Clark) 2
Mr. Moschusette's Mongol Boy (Mr. R. N. Harris) 3
Time: 2 minutes 31 seconds.

The Changshu Handicap ("A" Class) (Nine Furlongs) Mr. Sing Lee's Simba (Mr. Davie) 1

Mr. Onetrop's Fall In (Mr. Brand) 2
Mr. R. H. McNair's Dan Leno (Mr. Rothe) 3
Time: 3 minutes 18 seconds.

The Changshu Handicap ("B" Class) (Eleven Furlongs) Mr. C. A. M. Bolero's Gold Unit (Mr. Needa) 1

The Good Companion's Alpha Star (Mr. Brand) 2
Messrs. Mollers' Limited Beaulight (Mr. R. N. Harris) 3
Time: 3 minutes 18.4 seconds.

Wuchang Handicap "A" Class. (Eleven Furlongs) Messrs. We Two's School Boy (Mr. Maitland) 1

Mr. Fash's Joe Beckett (Mr. Bolton) 2
Mr. A. V. White's White Sands (Mr. Clark) 3
Time: 3 minutes 10.2 seconds.

Wuchang Handicap "B" Class. (Eleven Furlongs) Mr. S. A. Judah's April Fool (Mr. Bolton) 1

Mr. Sirrah's Jumbo (Mr. R. N. Harris) 2
Mr. Wilfred's Attila (Mr. Maitland) 3
Time: 3 minutes 13.1 seconds.

The Shanghai Champions and "Shanghai" Challenge Cup. Mr. Day's Saarland (Mr. Dallas) 1

Mr. Eve's Busy Bee (Mr. Bowling) 2
Messrs. We Two's School Boy (Mr. Maitland) 3
Time: 2 minutes 47 seconds.

The Jockey Cup (1 1/4 Miles) Mr. R. H. McNair's David Garrick (Mr. J. C. R. Wells-Henderson) 1

Mr. Sirrah's Copper (Mr. J. D. Harris) 2
Mr. Hunt's Conference Eve (Mr. A. Ferguson) 3
Time: 2 minutes 53.3 seconds.

The Ichang Cup (Nine Furlongs) Mr. Mikrofons' Jolly Victory (Mr. McElnain) 1

Mr. Triumvirate's Rough Justice (Mr. Ferguson) 2
Mr. H. & H's Don Philippe (Mr. Parkin) 3
Time: 2 minutes 35.2 seconds.

The Chungking Cup (1/2 Mile) Mr. Jason's Polydeuces (Mr. Ferguson) 1

Mr. Indian's Zuni (Mr. Dallas) 2
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's White Magic (Mr. A. V. White) 3
Time: 1 minute 01.1 seconds.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING'S ACCESSION.

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London, May 6.

The twenty-first anniversary of King George's accession to the Throne was celebrated to-day. Their Majesties spent the day quietly at Windsor. At noon a Royal Salute of 21 guns was fired in London, and at all the Naval and Military stations throughout the country, and flags were flown on Government and public buildings. Feats of bells were also rung at Windsor and elsewhere. As at present arranged, the King and Queen will return to Buckingham Palace on Saturday, and will remain until Whitson, when they will proceed to Sandringham for a few days. It is as yet undecided whether the King will attend the two Courts on May 19 and 20.

The King yesterday received Dr. Henry Martyn, the Surgeon Apothecary to the Household, at Windsor, and conferred a Knight-hood of the Royal Victorian Order upon him.

Messages of congratulation to their Majesties on to-day's anniversary have come from all parts of the Empire, and the newspapers survey the great changes and events that have occurred during the King's reign. Satisfaction is everywhere expressed that the occasion finds his Majesty far on the road of convalescence after his recent indisposition. This morning the King and Queen again went for a walk in Windsor Castle grounds.—British Wireless.

NAVAL DISCUSSIONS.

FRENCH EXPERT RETURNING TO LONDON.

London, May 6.

The principal French Naval expert, M. Massigli, is returning to London to-day from Paris, having yesterday conferred with the French Premier, M. Laval, the Foreign Minister, M. Briand, and M. Dumont, the Navy Minister.

It is understood that M. Massigli is bringing the written reply of his Government on which the Naval discussions of the British and French representatives will be resumed.

According to the newspapers, the negotiations are unlikely to end before the Foreign Ministers of the three Powers (Britain, France and Italy) have met at Geneva.—British Wireless.

BRITISH UNITY.

DISARMAMENT MADE AN INTER-PARTY AFFAIR.

London, May 6.

The three British political parties are exchanging views in order to establish a common basis of agreement on the question of disarmament, and thus strengthen the hands of the Government in presenting to the world a completely united front, apart from political considerations. A meeting in this connexion fixed for to-morrow is a continuation of the discussion inaugurated a fortnight ago.—Reuter.

BRITAIN & EXTRALITY ISSUE.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE IN PARLIAMENT.

London, May 6.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions on the subject of extralimity, Mr. Arthur Henderson said that an agreement had been reached on a large number of details in a treaty providing, on the one hand, for a transfer of jurisdiction over British subjects in China from British to Chinese courts; and on the other hand, for safeguards relating to the administration of justice, calculated to give a feeling of confidence and security to British nationals and British interests under the new regime.

A serious obstacle to a speedy and successful conclusion of the negotiations, however, had arisen in connexion with certain important Treaty Ports, which in the view of His Majesty's Government must be excluded from the provisions of the treaty until changes had been made in the municipal administration of those ports in order to meet the new situation created by the abolition of extraterritorial rights.

Reason for Attitude.

Mr. Henderson said this attitude of His Majesty's Government was influenced not only by a consideration of the chaos that must ensue from any sudden change of jurisdiction at the ports in question, but also by the fact that Britain could not alone decide the question, since other Powers were also concerned.

As a way out of the difficulty, His Majesty's Government recently suggested to the Chinese Government that they would be prepared immediately, on the conclusion of a treaty, to agree to the appointment of a special commission which would proceed forthwith to study the whole problem of reserved areas, with a view to finding a satisfactory solution. Unfortunately the Chinese Government had not seen its way to agree either to the viewpoint of His Majesty's Government on the question of reserved areas or to the appointment of the suggested commission.

His Majesty's Government, however, had not abandoned hope that, if time allowed for further discussion, a satisfactory solution on this outstanding difficulty will be found, and there was no need to emphasise our sincere desire to reach a friendly settlement.

"With regard to the attitude of the other Powers, I have seen a statement in the press by the Chinese Foreign Minister, but hitherto I have no official information regarding the final position of the negotiations between the Chinese Government and these Powers. The House will, I am sure, agree with me in recognising the devotion and ability with which Sir Miles Lampson conducted the long, complicated negotiations."

Hope Not Abandoned.

Replying to a supplementary query by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who on behalf of the Conservatives associated himself with the tribute to Sir Miles Lampson, Mr. Henderson said he would very seriously consider Sir Austen Chamberlain's suggestion that he lay on the table the papers showing the course of

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DREISER'S ATTACK ON HOLLYWOOD.

FILM INDUSTRY'S UNWILLINGNESS TO FACE REALISM.

New York, Apr. 12.

Mr. Theodore Dreiser, the author, who recently slapped Mr. Sinclair Lewis, has made a violent attack on Hollywood, whence he has returned to New York after seeing what the film producers have done with his book, "An American Tragedy." He said he had been "led through double doors to meet generalisimos, who jumped around like monkeys and talked like children," but discovered they had drastically altered his book until "it pictures me as writing something I never in the world could have written."

Mr. Dreiser declares that he will bring an action in the federal courts to restrain the showing of the film. He argues that the film industry is unwilling to face realism. Emphasis on sex, Mr. Dreiser insists, is spelling the doom of Hollywood, and he predicts that the American public will demand good foreign pictures rather than the Hollywood drive. He states "the bankers will get control of the film industry and force them to give up selling sex at so much a seat. Nobody objects to sex, not even I, but there are other things in life."

the negotiations and the attitude taken up by different parties.

Mr. Henderson reiterated that they were not without hope that even now they might be able to proceed to a settlement, and he would take this into consideration at the same time. If Sir Austen Chamberlain desired to put down a question, he would give him a considered reply.

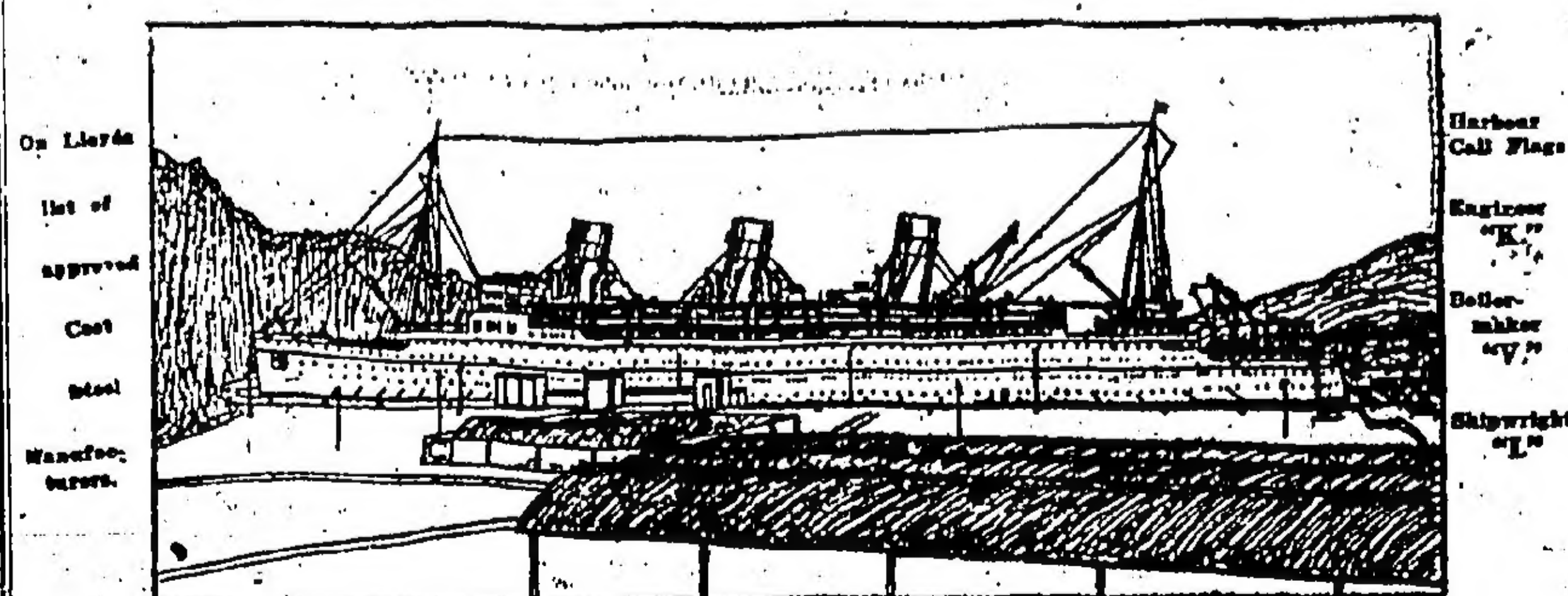
Sir Kingsley Wood asked whether it was a fact that the Chinese Government had issued regulations purporting to deal with the adjudication of foreign cases in their own courts, and Mr. Henderson said he had seen a press report of a set of regulations which he supposed to be official, but he had no information on the subject. If Sir Kingsley Wood put down a question for next week, he would see if he could get an answer in the meantime.—Reuter.

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RANPURA	16,601	22nd May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,754	25th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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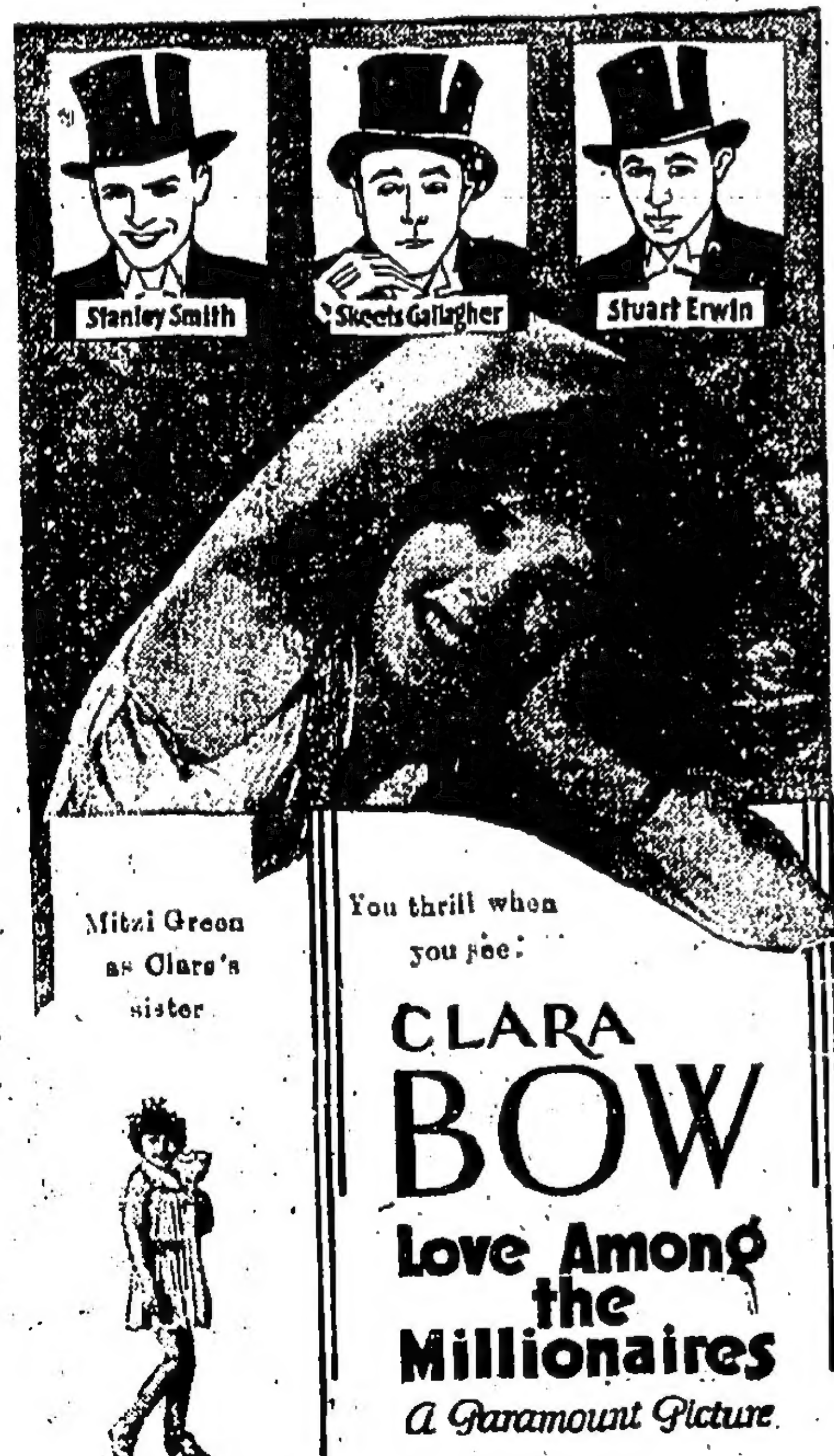
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NANKING ATTITUDE.

Nanking, May 7. The Government announces that Mr. Sun Fo has telegraphed from Shanghai denying the reports of his intention to go to Canton. Mr. Sun Fo indicated that he will return to his post at Nanking after a needed rest in Shanghai.

Mr. Wu Tze-hui again conferred with Mr. Hu Han-min yesterday on the Canton situation. At the request of the Government, Mr. Hu has sent a telegram to his Canton friends asking them to cease military movements in South China.

The Government claims that General Chan Chai-tong has sent a telegram to Nanking explaining the Canton attitude. No mention is made as to whether Chan intends to support the anti-Chiang Kai-shek factions in the South.

Government aeroplanes sent to make investigations on the Kwangtung-Kiangsi frontier returned to Nanking yesterday and reported that a portion of the Canton-Hankow Railway was badly damaged by the recent rains, but no military movements were in evidence in Northern Kwangtung. —*Reinhardt*.

Nanking, May 6. The National Convention will shortly issue a proclamation commenting on the Canton situation, setting forth the attitude of the Government towards Messrs. Ku Ying-fan, Teng Tseh-ju and General Chan Chai-tong.

It is semi-officially announced that the Government believes that General Chan Chai-tong has been influenced by subordinates who are discontented over the Nanking disbandment scheme.

A Government spokesman says that General Chan Ming-shu will not come to Nanking.

ZEPPELIN'S DASH TO NORTH POLE.

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THE AUSTRO-GERMAN UNION.

NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED AT PRESENT.

London, May 6. Asked for a statement regarding the present position of the negotiations for an Austro-German Customs Union, Mr. Henderson said he understood the negotiations were suspended pending a discussion which would take place at Geneva during the present month. —*British Wireless*.

PRINCE TAKAMATSU LEAVES OTTAWA.

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Ottawa, May 6. On their departure to-day for Toronto, Prince and Princess Takamatsu were accorded full

FRANCE'S FUTURE OVERSEAS.

MAKER OF MOROCCO ON COLONISATION.

DISPLAY OF FORCE.

Paris, May 6. "Our future lies overseas," declared Marshal Lyautey, at the opening ceremony of the French Colonial Exhibition at Vincennes, which is to remain open until October next. The opening ceremony was officially performed by President Doumergue this afternoon.

Marshal Lyautey, the principal speaker, is the maker of modern Morocco and the greatest living French colonial administrator.

In the course of a remarkable speech, the Marshal summarised the policy on which his success in Morocco has been founded.

Colonisation, he said, must be essentially constructive and beneficial. The colonising Power should display force to prevent its use, while the way to treat the native was to show him consideration. —*Reuter*.

LABOUR'S LAND TAX PROPOSALS.

PASS COMMONS BY A BIG MAJORITY.

London, May 6. The debate on Mr. Philip Snowden's land tax proposals, which are embodied in this year's Finance Bill, though they do not come into effect until 1933-34, concluded to-day.

The division resulted in a majority of fifty-nine for the Government, 289 voting in favour of the proposal and 230 against. —*Reuter*.

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